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FROM : SAC, NY (157-391)

FREEDOM RIDERS - Misc.SUBJECT: FREEBUS
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Enclosed herewith are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a Freedom Rally to protest the jailing of the Freedom Riders to be held at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 120th Street and Lenox Avenue, NYC, on 6/5/61.

The confidential source utilized is

A copy is being designated for information to Mobile as office of origin and to Birmingham inasmuch as Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH resides in that division.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

May 31, 1961

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Re: Freedom Riders, 1961
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on May 29, 1961, reflecting that a Freedom Rally to protest the jailing of the Freedom Riders and secure Federal protection for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will be held at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 120th Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City, on the evening of June 5, 1961, beginning at 8:30 P.M. N.Y.

N.Y. It was indicated that the speakers will include Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Reverend Ralph Abernathy and Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth as well as other unidentified "Southern leaders." The sponsor of the rally is the Social Action Commission of the Empire State Baptist Convention and the New York Division of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. N.Y.-A-L-A, N.Y.

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DATE 09-01-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STWRe phone call to Bureau from ASAC ANDREW M. DINSMORE
today.

On 5/26/61, [redacted]

[redacted] Ft. Myers, Fla., advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] that he had received information from [redacted]
Traffic Department, Tamiami Trails Bus Service, Tampa, Fla.,
that the freedom riders were expected to arrive Ft. Myers, Fla.,
either 5/26 or 5/27/61, at an unspecified time. [redacted] said
that he had no additional specific information. [redacted]
continued that he had contacted Captain [redacted] Ft. Myers
PD, and Sheriff FLANDERS G. THOMPSON of Lee Co., Ft. Myers,
and furnished them both with the information which came to his
attention from [redacted]Subsequently, on 5/26/61, Captain [redacted] Ft. Myers, PD, advised SA [redacted] that he had been contacted by [redacted]
[redacted] and that he intended to handle this matter discreetly
with no publicity if at all possible. Captain [redacted] volunteered
that he would have police officers available at the Tamiami
Bus Station in Ft. Myers and should the freedom riders appear
and not leave the restaurant when requested to do so, he would
have them placed under arrest, charging them with inciting a
riot in violation of a local ordinance.

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Inspector [redacted] Tampa PD, on 5/26/61 advised SA [redacted] that while his department was on the alert for any information whatsoever concerning freedom rides as they might pertain to Tampa, the department had received no information indicating that such a ride from Tampa or into Tampa was contemplated.

Captain [redacted] Tampa PD, advised SA [redacted] on 5/26/61 that he had been in contact with [redacted] Tamiami Trails Tours, Inc., and that [redacted] had advised him that he had heard numerous rumors concerning proposed freedom rides into Fla. Captain [redacted] said that [redacted] told him that one rumor was to the effect that the freedom riders were to come from some distant point down through Tallahassee and Lake City, Fla., proceeding south. He also heard a rumor to the effect that the freedom riders might proceed through Jacksonville, Fla., on the Greyhound Bus Line from and to unspecified destinations. [redacted] advised Captain [redacted] that he heard a third rumor to the effect that the freedom riders intended to ride through Tampa to Sarasota, Fla., from an unspecified point of origin. [redacted] said that he had received no notification from "up the line" that the freedom riders were on their way or that they contemplated any bus trip to any particular area. In passing, [redacted] advised Captain [redacted] that if the freedom riders do appear on the Tamiami Trails Bus Lines, they will be treated as any other passengers.

Bureau can rest assured that the matter of freedom rides into Fla. has been brought to the attention of all of our Agents and we will continue to advise the Bureau of any information of significance. Should any further information come to our attention with reference to the particular situation referred to above, the Bureau will be promptly advised.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished Jacksonville and Miami as it concerns freedom rides into Fla.

A copy is being furnished Mobile in accordance with Bureau instructions.

ADDENDUM:

Subsequent to dictation of above, [redacted] of the "Sarasota News", Sarasota, Fla., [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the Manager of the Trailways Bus Station in Sarasota has been notified by Trailways in Tampa to expect freedom

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riders in Sarasota, Fla., 5/26 or 5/27/61 or within the next few days. [] said that Trailways lunch counter in Sarasota intends to serve any freedom riders at the lunch counter provided they have interstate bus tickets. []

[] said that he had notified Lt. [] of the Sarasota PD of the above.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RIP*

DATE: 5/25/61

FROM :

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

During the day of 5/24/61 numerous phone calls
 were received by Section Chief Number One Man
 Kelly, Supervisors

Attached to this cover memorandum is a copy
 of the phone calls received by the above Supervisors.

Separate memoranda were prepared on pertinent
 items.
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Calls from Montgomery, Alabama:

9:12 a. m.

SAC Casper advised that the bus was leaving the Trailways bus station. The convoy was assembled as follows: A State Police car in the lead followed by 18 city policemen on motorcycles, A county police car, 7 Alabama Highway Patrol cars, the Trailways bus #P-220 containing 15 freedom riders, and some members of the Alabama National Guard. The bus was followed by a military car (National Guard), a Alabama Highway Patrol car and 20 newspapermen in cars.

9:32 a. m.

Bus had just left city limits, the 18 motorcycle officers had dropped out. The bus was proceeding on a cutoff between highway 31 and state highway #14.

9:50 a. m.

The bus had just passed Augaville. The convoy stopped and there was a report that there was a car crossways on the road blocking traffic. Appeared State Police had gone ahead about one mile and National Guardsmen stationed around the bus. Casper advised there were about 40 cars in the convoy. Convoy stopped about 22 miles west of Montgomery at state highway #14 and county road #19.

9:53 a. m.

Casper advised report had been received from a newsman that someone on the bus was sick and that was the reason for stopping the bus.

10:03 a. m.

Convoy reported to be moving and no confirmation had been received as to the reason for the bus stoppage.

10:07 a. m.

There are now 7 Alabama Highway Patrol cars in front of bus, 32 automobiles following the bus including newspaper reporters. There are 3 National Guard planes flying overhead. Convoy proceeding at 50 mph.

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10:37 a. m.

Attorney General Kennedy had advised of the Department that he received information William Coffin, Chaplain, Yale University

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was en route to Atlanta, Georgia, and accompanied by a Negro law student. A Negro from Howard University and a student believed to be from Duke University would join the group and they would board a bus at Atlanta at 1:30 p.m. en route to Birmingham. [redacted] is supposed to know of the details and Montgomery is checking with [redacted] This group is not connected with CORE. ✓

10:41 a.m.

Bus had passed through Selma.

1:18 p.m.

Second bus is getting ready to leave the station. The police cars are going out into the street and the bus has just departed from the station itself. The convoy is composed of the following: A county car occupied with men from the Sheriff's Office or detectives, is in the lead. This is followed by 12 city policemen on motorcycles; six Alabama Highway Patrol (AHP) cars (each car containing one patrolman and three National Guard (NG)); the Trailways bus; nine AHP cars and representatives of the press.

2:00 p.m.

Reverend M. L. King reportedly had left the bus station in the second convoy riding in a 1960 white Chevrolet Impala. They do not know whether or not King is merely riding to the outskirts of the city.

3:56 p.m.

The second bus with the freedom riders is at Cuba, Alabama, at a bus stop.

4:10 p.m.

✓ Second bus still at Cuba and they were apparently ~~waiting~~ awaiting individuals from MHP. He stated that ~~they~~ there were two planes flying overhead, one marked "USA." A MHP reportedly had a car stationed at every major area in the section along the route.

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4:25 p.m.

SAC Casper reported that the second bus had crossed the Mississippi state line and word had been received in Montgomery that the individuals in the first bus had been arrested in Jackson.

4:27 p.m.

Casper advised that the second convoy, second section which was following MHP had stopped about one-half mile beyond the Mississippi line.

4:37 p.m.

Casper advised that the first detachment of AHP who had escorted the first convoy, first section, to the Mississippi line were returning eastward and had been dispatched to meet the group from Atlanta and provide escort service. Troopers will be stationed at Opelika, Auburn and Tuskegee. Floyd Mann, Director of the Highway Patrol, stated that in view of the distance and the time element he did not think troopers would be able to meet the bus at the Alabama - Georgia line.

4:44 p.m.

Casper advised that the stop made by the bus which had just entered Mississippi was in front of a colored place of business and some of the passengers had gone into the business establishment.

Casper advised that information had been received that the new group coming to Montgomery from Atlanta was not getting too much attention from the Department. White and Kennedy had indicated in a conversation that perhaps the group would "shift for ~~themselves~~ themselves" although they felt local authorities should be advised. Casper stated local authorities previously alerted.

It was indicated that White had stated "We are through putting the big arm on."

6:40 p.m.

✓ Casper advised that [] Assistant to Rev. King, had called the Montgomery Resident Agency. [] had a report from news sources that the NG was not going

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to protect the riders from Atlanta after they arrived. As for Federal protection, this request had been relayed to the Department representatives at Maxwell Field. Groups were gathering around the bus station.

6:45 p.m.

Casper advised that he had personally observed that city police and NG were at the bus station. This information was also known by Deputy Attorney General White and it is not believed by White they should be given any Federal assistance.

6:53 p.m.

NG and local police had put a cordon of officers around the bus station. State police are escorting the bus in. People are congregating on corners. Some of the individuals in the ^{bus} crowd have been noted to be people who were present at the station when the trouble occurred last Saturday. One of the witnesses had ~~definitely~~ definitely identified a person as being there when the trouble started 5/20/61.

Bernard Lee, Assistant to the Rev. Martin Luther King, had called the Resident Agent. He reported that the NG had refused to provide escort for the riders to Rev. Abernathy's home although they previously had promised they would. This information was passed to the Department representatives at Maxwell Field.

Casper advised that the bus was coming down the street with the city police escort and NG and city police were still stationed around the bus.

6:59 p.m.

The bus arrived at the bus station. All is quiet. It is noted that Departmental Attorney [redacted] is in the crowd at the bus station.

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7:04 p.m.

The NG had put there bayonets down to turn back five white "punks" who had tried to break through. Casper said reports were that there are about 350 people in the crowd and about 90% to 95% were white.

7:15 p.m.

Casper stated he had personally looked out the window

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and there were at least 1000 people at the station. He advised that three yellow cabs had now pulled up in front of the station and 15 young teen-age "punks" had gathered in front of the cabs. Casper reported someone had thrown a brick at a car. He noted that the freedom riders were in private cars.

7:20 p.m.

Casper reported there was an unconfirmed news report that someone had thrown a brick at the Rev. Martin Luther King. Casper advised that crowds were not being retained far away from the bus station. He stated they were directly across the street and also at a restaurant or business establishment next to the bus station.

7:25 p.m.

Casper advised that the riders were leaving in two cars, Oldsmobile and Chevrolet, and were going to Rev. Abernathy's for supper. The cars were being escorted with a NG car in front. This was followed by the Oldsmobile and Chevrolet, an Army car, a Jeep, a NG vehicle and a car of detectives. He advised that the cars had a blockade in the 1300 block of Hall ~~St~~ Street where Abernathy resides. He stated that they had identified in the group [redacted]

[redacted] and William Coffin.

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Rev. Wyatt Walker had met the group and appeared to be the spokesman. He stated that he had been promised an escort and given such escort until 2:00 p.m. and then this had been canceled. He said that the NG did not give King or Abernathy any protection and recommended that they stay close to their residences. He related that they planned to go to Abernathy's home at 1327 South Hall where they would spend the night. They indicated that the two cars (Oldsmobile and Chevrolet) were the first not allowed to come into the loading area at the station but Walker had made arrangements and they were permitted to enter. He stated that ~~as~~ each individual was paying for his own trip out of his personal funds so that they could exercise their constitutional rights. Reporters asked Walker about Attorney General's comment that unnecessary travel into Alabama should be postponed and that the Attorney General ~~was~~ favored a cooling off period. Walker had nothing to state on this matter. He indicated that they did not have any meetings scheduled but maybe there would be a press meeting this evening.

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Two men tried to give tickets to the riders which were bus tickets to provide transportation out of town. These men were stopped by the AHP. They were identified as [redacted]

[redacted] They appeared to be drunk. [redacted] stated he was trying to go to [redacted] where his child lives. He stated he didn't care if he got killed, that he was doing what he thought he had a right to do. Reverend Coffin stated that the bus had been escorted from county to county by various officers all along the route. One of the riders had stated that the purpose of the visit was simply social. One of the riders stated that he thought the Montgomery bus station had been called up previously by a group from Mobile and he did not know of the trouble which had occurred last Saturday in Montgomery. Casper didn't believe this statement.

He stated that the NG was placing guards around Abernathy's home. They had about 30 men. These were all around the lot, the front, the back and both sides. The lieutenant in charge of the guard had reportedly asked for additional men although there were no crowds around. There were about 75 colored people along the block in the area. Casper advised that this house was located in a colored section.

[] The following information was furnished by SA []
[] at Jackson, Mississippi.

Time of call: 3:42 p.m.

No individuals have congregated at the Jackson Bus Station. Twenty-two uniformed policemen were on duty at the station as well as eight plain-clothesmen. Additional police officers were stationed on the perimeter immediately adjacent to the Bus Depot. Later, officers were diverting passersby from the general direction of the station. Uniformed officers at the station itself had with them two police dogs.

Time of call: 3:47 p.m.

The bus carrying the "Freedom Riders" was at that time passing through Pearl, Mississippi, going approximately 65 miles per hour, then was located just outside the city limits of Jackson.

The Liaison Agent at the Jackson Police Department advised that officers of the Jackson Police Department had reported that [] a Jackson bootlegger, was at that time following the bus carrying the "Freedom Riders" in his black Cadillac. The Jackson Police Department was aware of [] actions and planned to take him "out of circulation" in the event he attempted to interfere with the bus in any way.

Time of call: 3:55 p.m.

The bus carrying the "Freedom Riders" was at that time entering the Trailways Bus Depot in Jackson. As the "Freedom Riders" disembarked from the bus, four of them attempted to proceed to the white restaurant and the remainder attempted to proceed to the white rest rooms. They were taken by officers of the Jackson Police Department, placed in the "paddy wagon" and immediately transported to the police headquarters.

Time of call: 4:08 p.m.

A group consisting of both white and colored was at that time heading toward police headquarters. The group was orderly. There was no difficulty. The number of the group was estimated at approximately 200 persons. The group did not congregate at the police headquarters, but proceeded on past the building.

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Time of call: 4:40 p.m.

The Jackson Bus Depot as well as the area immediately adjacent thereto, including the police headquarters, was clear and there was no evidence of crowd.

Inquiry of Robert G. Nichols, Jackson City Attorney, reflected that one white man and eleven Negroes, all of whom have been passengers on the "Freedom Riders" bus, had been arrested by the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department.

These individuals were as follows:

	Washington, D. C.
	(female), [] New Orleans, La.
female)	New Orleans, La.
(male).	Shreveport, La.
	(male) [] Nashville, Tenn.
	(male), unknown, Nashville, Tenn.
(male)	[] Atlanta, Ga.
(male)	[] Nashville, Tenn.
(male)	[] Nashville, Tenn.
(male)	[] Shelbyville, Tenn.
(male)	[] Brooklyn, N. Y.

James Luther Bevel (Negro)(male), 24, Nashville, Tenn.

According to City Attorney Nichols, all of these individuals were charged with Breach of the Peace by failing to move when ordered by a police officer, a violation of Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code.

With reference to the charges placed against the "Freedom Riders," the records of the Jackson Police Department reflected that the above individuals had been charged with (1) Breach of the Peace (2) Failure to Follow the Lawful Order of an Officer, and (3) Action Intending to Incite a Riot. However, the affidavit filed by the City Attorney charged the above individuals only with violation of Section 2087.5 referred to above.

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1:38 p.m., EDST:

SAC Casper advised that the second convoy, first section, bus had the following persons aboard: five Alabama National Guardsmen, nineteen passengers, four white newsmen and fifteen freedom riders, four or five of whom were Negro women. There was a total of approximately 33 persons aboard this bus.

1:40 p.m., EDST:

SA [redacted] Montgomery, furnished information received for SAC Weeks at Atlanta that seven persons (four whites and three Negroes) were presently aboard a Greyhound bus, M5894, in Atlanta which bus was bound for New Orleans. The bus was scheduled to depart at 12:30 p.m., EST, (1:30 Washington, D. C. Time). It was scheduled to arrive 4:55, p.m., CST, at Montgomery. The following persons were in the group:

Leader, William Coffin, white, male, 40's, Chaplain,
Yale University

[redacted] male, Assistant Professor,
Yale University

[redacted] male, [redacted] student,
John C. Smith College, Charlotte

[redacted] male [redacted] student,
John C. Smith College

[redacted] Wesleyan University
[redacted] Assistant Professor, Wesleyan
University

[redacted] law student, Yale University, [redacted]

This group plans to test racial segregation in inter-state transportation during their trip to Montgomery. They plan to meet Dr. Martin Luther King later this afternoon at Montgomery at an undisclosed time and will proceed from Montgomery to Birmingham, Jackson and New Orleans.

1:50 p.m., EDST:

SAC Casper advised that the second group of freedom riders purchased tickets only as far as Jackson, Mississippi. Both buses originally were scheduled to drive from Miami, Florida, to Dallas, Texas. Reverend Shuttlesworth and Martin Luther King had been overheard in the bus station to state that the group would stay overnight in Jackson.

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2:10 p.m.

SAC Casper advised that Martin Luther King was supposed to have a reservation on Eastern Airlines to fly to Atlanta via Birmingham at 2:25 p.m., EST.

2:35 p.m.

SAC Casper advised that the Attorney General had chastised Mr. Orrick for putting out a release over the phone that 112 prison guards were being returned because they were not needed.

SAC Casper advised that the city police at Jackson, Mississippi, were going to be responsible for the freedom riders in Jackson.

3:20 p.m.

SAC Casper advised that the latest itinerary for Reverend M. L. King was that he was leaving Montgomery for Atlanta on flight 572, 9:14 p.m., CST (11:14 WDC time). AT 3:20 p.m. Montgomery was switched to a direct line.

SAC Casper advised that Atlanta had no confirmation on other groups leaving for Alabama and Atlanta was checking.

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TO : Mr. Parsons *SPR*

DATE: 5/25/61

FROM : A. Rosen *Rgm*

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SYNOPSIS

Twenty-seven freedom riders proceeded from Montgomery, Alabama, in two separate buses on 5/24/61. *u*

The trip was without incident until they arrived at Jackson, Mississippi, where they were arrested for attempting to use white facilities in the bus depot. *u*

Those arrested are being held in lieu of \$1,000 bond and have indicated that they will not attempt to make bond even if they remain in jail after conviction pending appeal. *u*

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 [redacted] a Jackson bootlegger, allegedly stated he had a homemade bomb which he would throw if he could get close enough to the bus. Jackson police later observed [redacted] following the bus. *u*

The Attorney General chastised Assistant Attorney General Orrick for making a press release that 112 prison guards were released from Montgomery because they were no longer needed. *u*

The Attorney General requested special handling regarding allegations in the "Birmingham Post-Herald" editorial 5/24/61 to the effect that the wife of a Deputy U. S. Marshal sent to Montgomery had received threatening telephone calls. It has been established there is no basis in fact for the allegations. *u*

A new group of seven freedom riders led by William Coffin, Yale University Chaplain, arrived in Montgomery 5/24/61 from Atlanta. They plan to continue to Birmingham and through Mississippi to New Orleans. Last night they were staying at Reverend Abernathy's home in Montgomery. *u*

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General ~~Graham~~, Alabama National Guard, informed [redacted] that those staying at Abernathy's home need more than ordinary protection so they should give him advance notice whenever they intend to leave the house in order that protection may be furnished. *u*

General Graham considers Abernathy's home his biggest security problem. He believes floodlights should be installed and he had 30 National Guardsmen at Abernathy's house last night. *u*

General Graham requested FBI officials be given his personal thanks for information furnished him regarding the possible ambush of the freedom riders' buses which went from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, 5/24/61. He believes the information was reliable and the ambush would have taken place if adequate security measures had not been taken. *u*

General Graham reiterated his appreciation for FBI cooperation, added that he has always admired Mr. Hoover and hopes his good relations with the FBI will continue. *u*

The Department has petitioned to include Eugene "Bull" Connor, Birmingham Police Commissioner; Jamie Moore, Birmingham Chief of Police; Lester B. Sullivan, Commissioner of Public Affairs in Montgomery; and Goodwin J. Ruppenthal, Montgomery Chief of Police, in the temporary injunction previously obtained which restrains certain Klansmen and organizations from interfering with freedom riders. *Are any of these men?* *u*

SAC Jenkins of Birmingham and SA Spencer Robb, Senior Resident Agent at Montgomery, will testify at Montgomery 5/29/61 concerning notification given local officials regarding the arrival of freedom riders. This is in connection with the above injunction. *u*

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[redacted] arrested by Bureau Agents 5/22/61 in connection with [redacted] Alabama, 5/14/61, has been released on \$5,000 bond. Bond was arranged by [redacted] Kenneth L. Adams, Grand Dragon, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. *u* *ALA*

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RE: FREEBUS

Recommendations being made this morning regarding release of personnel at Montgomery. SAC CASPER and 30 AGENTS BEING RELEASED TODAY.

A direct line has been installed between the Bureau and the New Orleans Office. The direct line from the Bureau to Meridian, Mississippi, has been removed.

ACTION

A memorandum is being prepared for the information of the Attorney General.

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DETAILS

The 27 freedom riders proceeded from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, on 5/24/61. //

The first group of eleven Negroes and one white man left Montgomery a few minutes after 7:00 a.m., CST, by Trailways bus. The bus was heavily escorted by state and local authorities to the Mississippi line where the escort duties were assumed by state and local authorities of Mississippi. //

Although it had been first planned that the bus would stop at Meridian, Mississippi, it was rerouted and arrived in Jackson at approximately 3:55 p.m., CST. Four of the freedom riders attempted to enter the white restaurant and the remainder of the group attempted to proceed to the white rest rooms. The entire group was arrested on charges of breach of the peace and failure to obey the lawful order of a police officer. The group is held in lieu of \$1,000 bond each. A list of those arrested is attached to this memorandum. //

Fourteen Negro and one white freedom riders left Montgomery in a second Trailways bus shortly after 11:00 a.m., 5/24/61. This bus also was under heavy convoy and was also routed around Meridian, Mississippi. It arrived in Jackson, Mississippi, at approximately 4:45 p.m., CST, and the second group was arrested when they attempted to use white facilities at the bus depot. A list of those arrested is attached to this memorandum. //

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The second group was also charged with breach of the peace and failure to obey the lawful order of a police officer. Each member of both groups is being held in lieu of \$1,000 bond and they are scheduled to appear in Municipal Court, Friday, 5/26/61, at 4:00 p.m. //

Information was received that [] one of those arrested, held a telephone discussion with Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall who was in the presence of the Attorney General at the time [] stated to Burke Marshall that the arrested students are not going to make bond and if they lose the case, they will appeal. They will make no attempt to make bond during any appeal action. [] who is apparently acting as spokesman for the group, is also reported to have turned down an offer made to the group by local authorities that they be released on their own recognizance. //

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Although there was no significant incident in connection with the trip of the freedom riders from Montgomery to Jackson, the Mississippi State Highway Patrol did receive information that [] a bootlegger from Jackson, allegedly had stated he had a homemade bomb which he would throw if he could get close enough to the bus. The Jackson Police Department later reported that [] was following the bus carrying the freedom riders in his black Cadillac. The police were watching him closely in order to "take him out of circulation" if he attempted to interfere with the bus in any way. It is noted that [] was recently fined in connection with racial violence that developed out of the efforts of Negroes to integrate the Jackson Public Library. U

Information was received from Montgomery that the Attorney General had chastised ~~Assistant~~ Attorney General Orrick for putting out a press release over the telephone to the effect that 112 prison guards, who had been sworn in as special deputies at Montgomery, were released because they were no longer needed. U

On 5/24/61 an editorial captioned "Surely We Can Be Fair" appeared in the "Birmingham Post-Herald." This editorial stated that earlier in the week the paper mentioned the names of two deputy U. S. Marshals who were sent to Montgomery. It was alleged that the wife of one of these deputies had received so many threatening calls that she had been forced to leave the city. The Attorney General instructed that this matter be handled as a special. U

It was determined that ^{ALA} the deputy marshals sent to Montgomery from Birmingham were [] [] No threatening calls were received by either [] [] did leave Birmingham to stay with [] [] did so because [] [] has been released from duty at Montgomery to return home. Neither [] [] could offer any explanation for the allegations contained in the above editorial. U

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The Atlanta Office advised that a group of individuals arrived in Atlanta on the morning of 5/24/61 from New York City with the stated purpose of traveling through southern states testing integration laws. The group is composed of the following individuals:

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Leader, William ~~Coffin~~, white male, in his forties, Chaplain at Yale University; NEW HAVEN, CONN.
Reverend G. B. ~~Noyce~~, white male, Assistant Professor, Yale University; NEW HAVEN, CONN.
Reverend J. L. ~~Jones~~, Negro male, in his twenties, student at John C. Smith College, Charlotte, North Carolina;
Clyde L. ~~Carter~~, Negro male, in his twenties, student at John C. Smith College, Charlotte, North Carolina;
David P. ~~Swift~~, white male, professor of religion, Wesleyan University, Middleboro, Connecticut;
Dr. John D. ~~McGuire~~, white male, Assistant Professor, Wesleyan University, Middleboro, Connecticut;
George Bundy ~~Smith~~, Negro male, law student, Yale University. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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This group held a press conference through the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at Dr. Martin Luther King's church in Atlanta, Georgia. They furnished their identities and the purpose of their trip. They purchased tickets for Montgomery, Alabama, on a Greyhound Bus which left Atlanta at 12:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (1:30 p.m., Washington time), which was bound for New Orleans. They indicated that they expected to contact Dr. Martin Luther King at Montgomery and would later travel on to Birmingham, through the State of Mississippi and on to New Orleans. The bus carrying this group arrived in Montgomery at approximately 5:00 p.m., Central Standard Time (7:00 p.m., Washington time).

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Memorandum to Mr. Parsons

The National Guard and local police had put a cordon of officers around the bus station prior to the arrival of the bus. State police officers escorted the bus into the terminal. U

Reverend Wyatt Walker, Assistant to Dr. King, met the group at the bus station and has related that they plan to bring the group to Reverend Abernathy's home where they would spend the night. Reporters asked Walker about the Attorney General's comment that unnecessary travel into Alabama should be postponed in order to allow a "cooling off period" and Walker replied he had no comment on this matter. It is noted that Deputy Attorney General White had previously stated to our Agents in Montgomery that he did not feel that this additional group of riders should be given any Federal assistance. U

At 11:45 p.m., Washington time, SAC Casper advised that General Graham of the Alabama National Guard informed that he had had a conference with Reverend Wyatt Walker and had related instructions from Governor Patterson that full protection should be given to the citizens of Alabama. General Graham pointed out that Walker and his group were an unusual group and needed more protection than the ordinary citizenry. He requested that Walker, King, Abernathy or any of their group immediately advise the National Guard when they plan to leave Abernathy's residence and furnish the identity of the party and destination. General Graham felt that under these conditions the Alabama National Guard could protect them throughout the city. He pointed out that the biggest security problem is protecting Abernathy's residence and felt that floodlights should be installed to cover all approaches, including the rear. Thirty National Guardsmen are stationed at Abernathy's house. U

SAC Casper advised that General Graham specifically asked that the officials of the FBI be given his personal thanks for the information he had received regarding the possible ambush of the buses carrying the original group of freedom riders

Memorandum to Mr. Parsons

from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi. This apparently refers to the information we furnished General Graham relative to the group headed by [redacted] which reportedly was going to bomb one of the buses as it approached the Mississippi State line. The general stated he felt the information was completely reliable and this ambush would have taken place if adequate security measures had not been taken to protect the buses en route to Mississippi. He stated he personally observed the area designated for the ambush and felt it was a perfect place for such action and had no doubt that these hoodlums would have attempted to bomb the bus. u

In conclusion General Graham again expressed his appreciation for the FBI's cooperation in this matter and added that he has always been an admirer of Mr. Hoover and hoped that his good relations with the FBI would continue. u

SAC Casper advised at 12:05 a.m., 5/25/61, that the Assistant Chief of Police, J. B. Brucker, Montgomery Police Department, had been informed by Colonel Price of the Alabama National Guard that the Guard was withdrawing their patrols from the streets in the city; however, they were continuing to maintain Guardsmen at the bus and train depots, the airport and at Reverend Abernathy's home. The withdrawn National Guardsmen will be stationed at the National Guard Armory and be ready for immediate action if necessary. u

The Department has previously obtained a temporary injunction restraining certain Klansmen and organizations from interfering with freedom riders. The Department has now petitioned the U. S. District Court, Montgomery, Alabama, to include the following law enforcement officers in this injunction:

Eugene "Bull" Connor, Birmingham Police Commissioner;
Jamie Moore, Birmingham Chief of Police;
Lester B. Sullivan, Commissioner of Public Affairs in Montgomery;
Goodwin J. Ruppenthal, Montgomery Chief of Police. u

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In this regard, SAC Jenkins of Birmingham and SA Spencer Robb, Senior Resident Agent at Montgomery, will testify for the Government at Montgomery 5/29/61 concerning the notification given local officials with regard to the arrival of freedom riders at Birmingham on 5/14/61 and at Montgomery 5/20/61. *u*

With regard to the burning of the Greyhound Bus at Anniston, Alabama, on 5/14/61, [redacted] four subjects arrested by Bureau Agents 5/22/61, has been released on \$5,000 bond which was arranged by [redacted] of Anniston and Kenneth L. Adams, Grand Dragon, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. *u*

A survey is being made at Montgomery to determine present and future personnel requirements. Recommendations regarding the release of personnel will be made this morning. *u*

A direct line has now been installed between the Bureau and the New Orleans Office. The direct line from the Bureau to Meridian, Mississippi, has been removed. *u*

At 11:25 p.m., Central Standard Time, 5/24/61, the National Guard reported that efforts were allegedly being made for an integrated group to use the lunch counter at the Montgomery railroad station. This was determined to be a false report and the lunch counter had been closed since 8:00 p.m., Central Standard Time. *u*

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FREEDOM RIDERS ARRESTED AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 5/24/61

FIRST GROUP

Paul David ~~X~~ Deitrich, white, male, B. APPROX [redacted] Washington, D. C. (ADDRESS)
Jean Catherine ~~X~~ Thompson, Negro, female, B. APPROX [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana
Julia ~~X~~ Aaron, Negro, female, B. APPROX [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana
David J. ~~X~~ Dennis, Negro, male, B. APPROX [redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana
Reverend Alexander Matthew ~~X~~ Anderson, Negro, male, B. APPROX [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee
Reverend Cordy T. ~~X~~ Vivian, Negro, male, unknown, Nashville, Tennessee
Harold ~~X~~ Andrews, Negro, male, B. APPROX [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia (ADDRESS)
Matthew ~~X~~ Walker, Jr., Negro, male, B. APPROX [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee
Bernard ~~X~~ LaFayette, Negro, male, B. APPROX [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee
Reverend James Morris ~~X~~ Lawson, Negro, male, B. APPROX [redacted] Shelbyville, Tennessee
Joseph ~~X~~ Carter, Negro, male, B. APPROX [redacted] Brooklyn, New York
James Luther ~~X~~ Bevel, Negro, male, B. APPROX [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee

FREEDOM RIDERS ARRESTED AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 5/24/61

SECOND GROUP

Peter M. ~~X~~ Ackerberg, [redacted] New York, New York,
white, male, [redacted] student at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio
Lucretia R. ~~X~~ Collins, [redacted] El Paso, Texas, Negro, female,
[redacted] student, Tennessee A. and I., Nashville, Tennessee
Ernest ~~X~~ Patton, Jr., [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee,
Negro, male, [redacted] student, Tennessee A. and I., College, Nashville,
Tennessee

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MISS. Frank George Holloway, [redacted] Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia, Negro, male, [redacted] student, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia. S. APPROX. [redacted]

John Robert Lewis, [redacted] (believed to be [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, Negro, male, [redacted] S. APPROX. [redacted] student, American Baptist Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee

James L. Farmer, [redacted] New York, New York, Negro, male, [redacted] National Director of CORE. S. APPROX. [redacted]

Dion Tyrone Diamond, [redacted] Petersburg, Virginia, Negro, male, [redacted] student, Howard University, Washington, D. C. S. APPROX. [redacted]

John Lee Copeland, [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, Negro, male, [redacted] Baptist Minister S. APPROX. [redacted]

John H. Moody, Jr., [redacted] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Negro, male, 30, Howard University, Washington, D. C. (records do not indicate whether student or employee). S. APPROX. [redacted]

Jerome M. Smith, [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, Negro, female, [redacted] S. APPROX. [redacted]

Doris J. Castle, [redacted] New Orleans, LA. Negro, female, no occupation indicated S. APPROX. [redacted]

Grady H. Donald, [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, Negro, male, [redacted] minister S. APPROX. [redacted]

Henry J. Thomas, [redacted] Elton, Florida, Negro, male, [redacted] student, Howard University, Washington, D. C. S. APPROX. [redacted]

Clarence Lloyd Thomas, Jr., [redacted] Champaign, Illinois, Negro, male, student, American Baptist Seminary (no location)

LeRoy Glenn Wright, [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, Negro, male, [redacted] student, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee S. APPROX. [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC CHICAGO /157-81/

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

FREEDOM RIDERS, misc. RACIAL MATTERS. RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU AND NO,
SIX EIGHT LAST, AND PHONE CALL BUREAU TO NO SIX NINE SIXTYONE.

[REDACTED] WHO CLAIMS TO BE IN CHARGE OF CONGRESS OF RACIAL
EQUALITY PAREN CORE PAREN ACTIVITIES IN NEW ORLEANS, ADVISED
SIX EIGHT LAST, HE KNOWS NOTHING OF GROUP COMING TO NO FROM
CHICAGO. IC RR TRAIN MET AT NEW ORLEANS AT FOUR FORTYFIVE PM,
SIX NINE SIXTYONE, AND NO DEPARTING PASSENGERS COULD BE IDENTIFIED
AS GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS FROM CHICAGO. CHICAGO RECONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND DETERMINE IF ANY GROUP DEPARTED CHICAGO FOR NEW
ORLEANS.

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FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ ~~1~~ 2 P

FREEBUS, RM, CR. RE PHONE CALL JACKSON RA TO BUREAU @JUNE
NINE. [REDACTED] USDC, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ADVISED TODAY THAT COMPLAINT AND MOTION FOR TEMPORARY
INJUNCTION FILED WITH CLERK USDC, SDM. PLAINTIFFS NAMED ARE

ON

BEHALF THEMSELVES AND OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED. PLAINTIFFS
IDENTIFIED IN COMPLAINT AS ADULT NEGRO CITIZENS OF US,
MISSISSIPPI, PRESENTLY RESIDING JACKSON. DEFENDANTS NAMED

ARE JOE T. PATTERSON, AG STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, CITY OF
JACKSON, ALLEN C. THOMPSON MAYOR, DOUGLAS L. LUCKY, CITY
COMMISSIONER, THOMAS B. MARSHALL, CITY COMMISSIONER, W. D.
RAYFIELD, CHIEF OF POLICE, CONTINENTAL SOUTHERN LINES INC.,
SOUTHERN GREYHOUND LINES, ICRR, JACKSON CITY LINES, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT CICERO- S RESTAURANT, JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

PLAINTIFF- S ATTORNEYS ARE R. JESS BROWN, VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

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CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY AND THURGOOD MARSHALL, NYC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LISTED AS QUOTE OF COUNSEL END
QUOTE. ACTION BROUGHT TO REDRESS DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS,
PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES SECURED TO PLAINTIFF BY CONSTITUTION
AND LAWS OF US PAREN DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL PROTECTION
CLAUSES OF FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT PAREN AND ARTICLE ONE, SECTION
EIGHT CLAUSE THREE OF THE COMMERCE CLAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND TITLE FORTYNINE USC SECTION THREE PAREN ONE PAREN AND
SECTION THREE ONE SIX PAREN D PAREN. ACTION BROUGHT TO
ENJOIN ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN STATUTES OF STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI REQUIRING RACIAL SEGREGATION ON COMMON CARRIERS,
WAITING ROOMS, REST ROOM FACILITIES USED BY COMMON CARRIERS.
MOTION FOR INJUNCTION REQUESTED COURT CONVENE THREE JUDGE
COURT TO HEAR ACTION AND GRANT PRELIMINARY AND PERMANENT
INJUNCTION ENJOINING DEFENDANTS FROM CONTINUING TO ENFORCE
RACIAL SEGREGATION STATUTE REGARDING CARRIERS AND AT JACKSON
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URGENT 6-9-61 9-58 AM FCH
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /100-225892/, AND SAC-S, BIRMINGHAM
AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /157-140/

FREEBUS, RM. RE TELEPHONE CALL INTEROFFICE FROM SAC, BH.

TO SAC, MEMPHIS THIS DATE. [REDACTED] GREYHOUND

BUS LINES, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, ADVISED SIX PERSONS IDENTIFIED
BY BUS DRIVER AS ^{MISC.} FREEDOM RIDERS ARRIVED NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,
EIGHT TWENTY A. M., THIS DATE. GROUP CAME FROM LOUISVILLE, KY.,
HOWEVER, ORIGINALLY BOARDED BUS AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND. GROUP
LEFT BUS AT NASHVILLE AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. DID NOT
CONTINUE TO BIRMINGHAM. [REDACTED] STUDENT

CENTRAL COMMITTEE, NASHVILLE, ADVISED THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION
CONCERNING THESE SIX INDIVIDUALS. HE WILL MAKE INQUIRIES TO
IDENTIFY THEM AND LOCATE THEM TO DETERMINE THEIR PLANS AS
STUDENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE DOES NOT WANT ANYONE GOING TO JACKSON,
MISS., NOT TRAINED IN NON VIOLENT MOVEMENT. [REDACTED] STATES

DOES NOT PLAN TO SEND GROUP TO JACKSON, MISS., TODAY. WILL
ADVISE AGENTS OF NASHVILLE RE OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED AND

ANY CHANGE OF PLANS.

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URGENT 6-9-61 9-14 PM
TO DIRECTOR FBI
FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-296/ 1 P
FREEBUS, FREEDOM RIDERS

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ARRESTED ICRR STATION, JACKSON, MISS., AM, JUNE NINE,
TRIED JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT, THREE PM, JUNE NINE. ALL
CONVICTED VIOLATION S. TWO ZERO EIGHT SEVEN POINT FIVE, MISS.
CODE, AFTER NG PLEAS. ALL FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AND
SENTENCED TO SERVE FOUR MONTHS. NOTE THAT NO PART SENTENCE
SUSPENDED. ABOUT TEN SPECTATORS AND FIVE NEWSMEN AT TRIAL.

NO INCIDENTS. ARRESTED JUNE
EIGHT RELEASED ON APPEAL BOND NIGHT JUNE EIGHT.

ARRESTED MAY TWENTYFOUR, RELEASED JUNE NINE ON BOND.
PAUL S. GREEN ARRESTED MAY THIRTY, RELEASED JUNE NINE ON BOND.

ARRESTED MAY THIRTY
PAID FINE AND RELEASED JUNE NINE. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AT FIVE
PM JUNE NINE - TOTAL ARRESTED NINETYEIGHT, OUT ON BOND TWENTYONE
PAID FINES FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY SEVENTYTHREE. ALL RIDERS EATING
AT COUNTY JAIL. FIVE REFUSING TO EAT AT CITY JAIL.
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URGENT 6-9-61 2-45 PM MKB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /400-225892/ AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM SAC RICHMOND /157-231/ 1P *FREEDOM RIDERS, Misc.*
FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. CONFIRMING RICHMOND TELEPHONE CALL
BY ASAC HARRY J. MORGAN TO WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE THIS DATE.
DET. SGT. [REDACTED] NA, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. PD, ADVISED
ONE PM TODAY THAT A TRAILWAYS BUS WITH A LARGE FREEDOM RIDERS
SIGN ON THE OUTSIDE, CARRYING FORTYTHREE WHITE ALTAVISTA, VA.
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, STOPPED IN CHARLOTTESVILLE FOR LUNCH. THE
STOP IN CHARLOTTESVILLE COVERED BY PRESS AND TV PHOTOGRAPHERS.
[REDACTED] ADVISED DRIVER OF BUS ADVISED HIM MOTORISTS ON THE HIGHWAY
WERE VERY DISCOURTEOUS TO THE BUS WHILE IT WAS BEING DRIVEN. *an*
BUS LEFT CHARLOTTESVILLE APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FORTYFIVE PM ON
ROUTE TWENTYNINE, DESTINATION WASHINGTON, D. C. TRAVELING TIME
APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS. VSP AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED. *V. M.*
LOCAL SOURCES BEING CHECKED. LETTERHEAD MEMO TO FOLLOW.

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FREEDOM RIDERS, MISS.

URGENT 6-9-61 9-18 AM CST SAS

TO SAC, DIRECTOR, FBI, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

FREEBUS, RM. [REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT, ICRR, JACKSON,
MISSISSIPPI, ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT CORE IN
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI WAS PLANNING A FREEDOM RIDE FROM ST. LOUIS
TO JACKSON ON JUNE SEVENTEEN. NEXT TRAVEL TO BE BY RAIL WITH
DEPARTURE POINT PROBABLY EAST ST. LOUIS AND IS TO BE INTERRACIAL.
ST. LOUIS ENDEAVOR TO LEARN MORE DETAILS OF PROPOSED RIDE
TOGETHER WITH NUMBER OF RIDERS EXPECTED AND AS MUCH IDENTIFYING
DATA AS POSSIBLE. SPRINGFIELD CONTACT SPECIAL AGENT, ICRR AT
EAST ST. LOUIS FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE
CONCERNING THIS MATTER. SUTEL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS
FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /157-140/ 1P

FREEBUS, RM - CR. REMYTEL JUNE NINE LAST. GROUP OF EIGHT DID NOT TAKE
TRAILWAYS BUS FROM NASH. ONE-TEN AM. REASON FOR CHANGE IN PLANS NOT
KNOWN. FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU AND INTERESTED
OFFICES.

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FREEDOM RIDERS, MISC.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/5/61

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-297)

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: MOBILE)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are appropriate copies of letterhead memo for dissemination purposes.

Information copies of this letterhead memo are being furnished to the Miami and Jacksonville offices since the information therein pertains to racial matter activities in Florida.

[redacted] indicated he would follow this matter and will advise the Tampa Office if he is able to identify the student and/or the so-called "Recruiter." The Bureau will be accordingly advised of any pertinent developments in this matter.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT ATTEMPTING
TO RECRUIT STUDENTS TO
"SIGN UP TO FIGHT THE
POLICE", TAMPA, FLORIDA
May, 1961

[redacted] American Legion
Unamerican Activities Committee, advised at Tampa, Florida,
on May 31, 1961, that he had received "third hand" information
to the effect that a male student at the University of South
Florida, Tampa, was recently approached on the campus by a
man in an effort to recruit said student to "sign up to fight
the police." [redacted] advised that this man allegedly told
the student he had already recruited 600 other young people
for the same purpose.

[redacted] indicated that he was furnishing said
information in view of information which had come to his
attention indicating the expected arrival of the "Freedom
Riders" at Tampa in about two weeks.

He stated that he has not been able to identify
the man who is allegedly doing the recruiting or the student
whom he approached, since the person who gave him the infor-
mation is reluctant to identify the student and apparently
does not know the name of the man who is recruiting.

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Callahan	✓
Conrad	✓
DeLoach	✓
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Sullivan	✓
Tavel	✓
Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Ingram	✓
Gandy	✓

TO : Mr. Belmont *WAB*

DATE: June 7, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: PROPOSED FREEDOM RIDE
FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 6/7/61
RACIAL MATTERS; CONTEMPT OF
COURT; CIVIL RIGHTS.

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

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With reference to the travel of [redacted] a member of the New York State Legislature, and [redacted] of the New York Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), [redacted] arrived in Atlanta, Georgia, at 7:40 p. m., last evening. They proceeded to the office of the Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee, which was set up by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and the Congress of Racial Equality. The latter three organizations were included in the restraining order issued by U. S. District Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., in Montgomery on 6/2/61. [redacted] remained at the office of the Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee for approximately one hour and then checked into the Negro YMCA in Atlanta, Georgia, for the evening.

This morning they purchased two tickets to Montgomery, Alabama, on a Greyhound bus and departed Atlanta at 7:15 a. m. this morning and are scheduled to arrive in Montgomery at 11:40 a. m. (Central Standard Time), 1:40 p. m., Washington time.

ACTION:

Since any possible testing of bus station facilities at Montgomery by [redacted] might constitute a violation of Judge Johnson's order, U. S. Attorney Hartwell Davis was contacted by the Mobile Office as to what action was desired in this matter. Davis stated that he desired the Bureau to take no action other than to observe [redacted] activities at the bus station and to advise him thereof in order that he may bring the matter to Judge Johnson's attention. Davis requested that Mobile follow the activities of [redacted] while they are in Montgomery.

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John Murphy of the Civil Rights Division of the Department was also contacted concerning the matter and he advised that the Department desired that [] activities at the bus station be observed but that no further action be taken in the matter. Murphy also requested that Department be advised as to whether any public announcement has been made in New York, Atlanta, Montgomery or elsewhere concerning the declared purpose of [] trip to test bus facilities. Murphy was advised of USA Davis' request in the matter.

Mobile has been instructed to comply with the request of the U. S. Attorney and the Department.

Local authorities had previously been alerted in Montgomery. U. S. Marshal William Parker advised Mobile that he had received information from Commissioner of Police Sullivan that in view of the injunction, the police would not be permitted to interfere with the travelers; however, the police would afford protection for the bus from the city limits and protection for the individuals while in the bus station. Sullivan further stated that if the individuals [] left the bus station they would not receive any more protection than any other citizen.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

0 FREEDOM RIDERS MISC

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-293 3P

FREE BUS. RE PHONE CALLS, JACKSON RA TO BUREAU JUNE
EIGHT SIXTYONE. FOLLOWING ARE INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED
ICRR DEPOT, JACKSON, JUNE EIGHT SIXTYONE.

WASHINGTON, DC,

BORN

WASHINGTON DC,

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION, OCCUPATION,
STUDENT.

WASHINGTON DC,

BORN

BROOKLYN, NY,

HAZEL EYES, BROWN HAIR, FAIR COMPLEXION.

OCCUPATION,

WASHINGTON, DC,

BORN

MANHATTAN, NEW YORK,

GREEN EYES, BROWN HAIR,

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FAIR COMPLEXION,

OCCUPATION, STUDENT.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NY, [REDACTED] B BORN [REDACTED] NYC, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROWN EYES, BRUNETTE HAIR, OLIVE
COMPLEXION, SINGLE, OCCUPATION, STUDENT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WASHINGTON, DC, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BLUE EYES, BLOND HAIR, FAIR

COMPLEXION, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OCCUPATION, STUDENT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW ROCHELLE, NY, [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]

BROOKLYN, NY, [REDACTED]

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, MEDIUM BROWN COMPLEXION, [REDACTED]

OCCUPATION, STUDENT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AURORA, ILL., [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]

CHICAGO, ILL., [REDACTED]

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, MEDIUM BROWN COMPLEXION, OCCUPATION,
BAPTIST MINISTER. STOKELY CARMICHAEL, ONE EIGHT ONE ZERO
AMETHYST STREET, BRONX, NY, NM, BORN SIX TWENTYNINE THIRTYONE
AT PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, SIX FEET ONE, ONE HUNDRED
SIXTY SEVEN, BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, MEDIUM BROWN
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COMPLEXION, OCCUPATION, STUDENT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WASHINGTON, DC AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROOKLYN, NY, [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DENTON, N. C., [REDACTED]

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION, [REDACTED] OCCUPATION

[REDACTED] ADMITS ARREST PD BROOKLYN, NY, JULY

FIFTYEIGHT [REDACTED]

ALL ABOVE INDIVIDUALS

ADMIT PRIOR PICKETING, SIT IN, STAND IN ACTIVITIES ON
EAST COAST.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (100-35588) /

FREEDOM RIDERS MISC.

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY. RACIAL MATTERS. RENOTEL JUNE SIX

LAST CAPTIONED FREEBUS, SIXTYONE. LT. [REDACTED] MPD,

WDC, ADVISED THAT ONE [REDACTED] MEMBER OF CORE, WDC, ADVISED

THAT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE DEPARTED AT ONE FIFTY A.M., JUNE

SEVEN LAST ON FLIGHT FIVE FOUR FIVE, EASTERN AIRLINES, FOR NEW

ORLEANS. DEPARTURE VERIFIED AT EAL. [REDACTED] ADVISED LT. [REDACTED]

THAT INDIVIDUALS WILL TRAVEL TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, SOME

TIME IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS BY CAR. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT CORE HAS

NO PLANS FOR ANY ADDITIONAL GROUPS TO DEPART WASHINGTON JUNE

TWELVE OR THIRTEEN NEXT. INDIVIDUALS DEPARTING AS FOLLOWS. *am*

[REDACTED] STOKELY CARMICHAEL, [REDACTED]

CALIFORNIA, HOWEVER, DISCREET INQUIRY REFLECTS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SEVERAL DAYS AGO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OTHER INDIVIDUALS REFERRED TO ABOVE ARE BELIEVED TO BE

[REDACTED] FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING

WHERE GROUP WILL STAY IN NEW ORLEANS AND DID NOT FURNISH ANY
INDICATION AS TO THE IDENTITY OF AUTOMOBILES TO BE USED FROM
NEW ORLEANS TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AS PLANS WERE INDEFINITE
AT TIME OF DEPARTURE JUNE SEVEN LAST. WASHINGTON FIELD WILL
MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH MPD AND REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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The Attorney General

June 8, 1961

Director, FBI

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FREEDOM RIDERS 1961

RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
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[redacted] a member of the New York State Legislature, and
[redacted] of the New York Chapter of the National Association
for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), arrived in Jackson,
Mississippi, by airplane on June 8, 1961.

[redacted] entered the white men's rest room at the airport
and were told by the police to move on. They then entered the waiting
room and were again told to move on whereupon one of them reportedly
said, "We are going to sit down. We are interstate passengers." They
were then placed under arrest for breach of the peace.

"The New York Times" on June 8, 1961, carried an article
which stated in part:

"Assemblyman Mark Lane and Percy Sutton,
President of the Manhattan Chapter of the National
Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said
yesterday they would leave tonight to investigate the
arrests of freedom riders in Alabama and Mississippi.
They plan to offer assistance as lawyers."

Nine freedom riders arrived in Jackson from New Orleans
by train on June 8, 1961, and were arrested without incident when they
entered the white waiting room.

The eleven individuals mentioned above and ten freedom riders,
who were previously arrested, were convicted of breach of the peace at
Jackson, Mississippi, on June 8, 1961. Each was sentenced to four months
in jail, which sentences were suspended and each was fined \$200.

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A group of five freedom riders left Nashville, Tennessee, by train on the evening of June 8, 1961, en route to Jackson, Mississippi. They changed trains at Birmingham, Alabama, travelling from one station to another but did not test the facilities at Birmingham and no incident occurred. They arrived at Jackson, Mississippi, at 5:30 a.m. (Central Standard Time), June 9, 1961, and were arrested without incident when they tested the facilities.

[redacted] contacted the Chicago Office of the FBI on June 3, 1961, and stated that [redacted] of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and is [redacted] for freedom riders in Chicago. She related that eight freedom riders were to leave Chicago by train at 7:00 p.m., June 8, 1961, to arrive in New Orleans at 4:45 p.m., June 9, 1961. Transportation by bus from New Orleans to Jackson, Mississippi, will be arranged by CORE.

[redacted] inquired as to whether the FBI would give clearance to the freedom riders as CORE did not wish to have a freedom rider who was subversive or had a criminal record. The confidential nature of FBI files was explained to her.

Among the names submitted by [redacted] as having volunteered to engage in the freedom ride was [redacted] female, [redacted] years of age. It was reported in April, 1960, that [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party.

Information has been received that at least five and possibly twelve freedom riders will leave Minneapolis by Greyhound bus on June 8, 1961, en route to Nashville, Tennessee. At Nashville they will be briefed by CORE and then will proceed to Jackson, Mississippi. This group includes several individuals who are connected with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, one of whom is associated with the Socialist Workers Party.

On June 8, 1961, [redacted] an attorney representing the city of Montgomery, advised that he had been designated by U. S. District Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., to prepare a third party case against CORE and the other organizations and individuals listed in the temporary injunction against freedom riding in Alabama. [redacted] requested that the FBI conduct investigation to assist him in establishing that the freedom riders

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The Attorney General

have placed an undue burden on interstate commerce. He said that if the FBI cannot conduct this investigation he plans to ask the court to issue an order instructing that the FBI investigate.

U. S. Attorney Hartwell Davis, with whom [] had previously spoken, has advised that he knows of no regulation, obligation or precedent which would require the FBI to conduct such an investigation and he does not feel that the FBI has any responsibility to conduct such an investigation. Mr. Davis had referred [] to the FBI because of the possibility that the FBI might have some authority or obligation with which he was not familiar.

[] request was discussed with Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall by Mr. Rosen of the FBI. Mr. Marshall expressed the opinion that it was the responsibility of [] to produce whatever evidence he has to support the allegation that freedom riders interfere with interstate commerce. He said that no investigation should be conducted by the FBI but that if [] has any further questions he may contact Mr. Marshall or U. S. Attorney Davis. [] has been so advised.

The Montgomery County Citizens Council held a public rally on the evening of June 9, 1961. The Attorney General was called a traitor by Carl Herbert Lancaster, Chairman of the Council, who said that the Attorney General worked behind the scenes to get Southerners to "accept integration or else."

MacDonald Callion, Attorney General for the State of Alabama, was the principal speaker at the rally. He read what was purported to be a verbatim transcript of a telephone conversation between the Attorney General and George C. Crutt, Manager of the Greyhound bus station, Birmingham, Alabama, on May 15, 1961. Callion said that the Attorney General ordered Federal Marshals to invade Alabama against the overwhelming wishes of the citizens and with "wanton disregard for state sovereignty and state laws." He added that this was uncalculated, unnecessary and was "directly political propaganda."

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Collier alleged that various leaders of CORE have records of communist associations.

Collier urged his listeners to stay within the law but to fight to preserve the Southern heritage and he said, "We must not allow ourselves to be drawn into violence."

Dr. Henry Lyons, Pastor, Eighteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama, informed the Citizens Council early that Montgomery is a target of Russian communism because Montgomery is a symbol of Southern tradition. Dr. Lyons stated, "Our heritage in the South is sacred and must not be surrendered."

We will continue to receive the Department promptly of pertinent developments.

1 - Mr. Byron S. White
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Cyrus Marshall

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

1 - Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *AMB*

DATE: June 7, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

0 FREEDOM RIDERS, MISC.

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ASAC J. T. Sylvester of the New Orleans Office has advised that Roy Wilkins, national executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), plans to test the facilities at the Jackson airport upon his arrival there this afternoon.

Medgar Evers, field secretary of the NAACP, Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised the Jackson Resident Agency that Roy Wilkins would arrive in Jackson at 1:55 p. m., Jackson time, 3:55 p. m., Washington time. Wilkins is to be in Jackson to address a rally of the NAACP at 8 PM tonight at the Negro Masonic Temple Building. Wilkins will be met at the airport by Evers, Dean Charles Jones of Campbell College in Jackson, and [redacted] Tougaloo Southern Christian College. The President of the Mississippi State Conference of the NAACP Aaron E. Henry of Clarksdale, Mississippi, may possibly be with the group.

The group plans to enter the white restaurant known as Cicero's Airport Restaurant and request service. According to Evers they did not desire to use the white rest rooms. He stated that if requested by the police they would move on from the restaurant but would ask the police the reason for such a request being made.

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Sylvester stated that Captain [redacted] of the Jackson, Mississippi, PD had been advised of the scheduled arrival of Wilkins, and [redacted] stated that no arrests would be made if the individuals moved on and no state laws broken.

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Individuals listed hereinafter have been identified by sources at Cornell University as persons who have either volunteered as Freedom Riders or as persons who have been acting on the campus in behalf of CORE through the Cornell Committee Against Segregation. All are Cornell students with the exception of [redacted] who are faculty members.

Established Cornell sources have furnished identifying and background information concerning each as set out below.

All offices are requested to further identify these individuals and search office indices concerning each for any subversive information or documentation.

NEW YORK

[redacted] born [redacted] at Brooklyn, N.Y., admitted to Cornell as graduate student from [redacted] in September, 1960.
 Parent: [redacted]
 Home Address: [redacted] Bronx, N.Y.

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[redacted] born [redacted] at New York City, admitted to Cornell in September, 1958, from [redacted] High School.
Parent: [redacted]
Home Address: [redacted] Forest Hills, N.Y.

[redacted] born [redacted] at New York City, admitted to Cornell in September, 1959, from [redacted] High School.
Parent: [redacted]
Home Address: [redacted] Long Island City, N.Y.

[redacted] born [redacted] at New York City, admitted to Cornell in September, 1960, from [redacted] High School, New York City.
Parent: [redacted]
Home Address: [redacted] New York City.

[redacted] born [redacted] at New York City, admitted to Cornell in September, 1959, from [redacted] High School.
Parent: [redacted]
Home Address: [redacted] Island Park, New York

[redacted] born [redacted] at Brooklyn, N.Y., admitted to Cornell in September, 1960, from [redacted] High School.
Parent: [redacted]
Home Address: [redacted] Brooklyn, N.Y.

[redacted] born [redacted] at New York City, admitted to Cornell in September, 1957, from [redacted] High School [redacted]
Parent: [redacted]
Home Address: [redacted] New York City.

[redacted] born [redacted] at New York City, admitted to Cornell in September, 1957, from [redacted] High School.
Parent: [redacted]
Home Address: [redacted] Levittown, New York.

[redacted] born in [redacted] in New York City, appointed to Cornell faculty in September, 1960, graduated from [redacted] College, AB Degree in 1954.

BOSTON

[redacted] born [redacted] birthplace not listed, appointed to Cornell faculty in 1955.
Education: AB Degree, [redacted] College in 1950
[redacted]

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[redacted] (see above)
Education: [redacted] Degree from [redacted] University, 1955

CINCINNATI

[redacted] (see above)
Education: [redacted] Degree from [redacted] in 1958

PHILADELPHIA

[redacted] (see above)
Employment: [redacted]

CLEVELAND

[redacted] born [redacted] at Cleveland, Ohio, admitted
to Cornell in September, 1957, from [redacted] High School.
Parent: [redacted]
Home Address: [redacted] Shaker Heights, Ohio.

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Individuals listed hereinafter have been identified either as Freedom Riders, recruits as possible Freedom Riders, supporters of CORE and the Freedom Rider Movement, or members of the Cornell Committee Against Segregation, working with CORE. All are students at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Established source [redacted] has furnished identifying and background information concerning each, as set out below.

All offices are requested to further identify the individuals listed and to search office indices concerning each for any subversive or derogatory information.

NEW YORK

[redacted] born [redacted] at New York City, admitted to Cornell in September, 1958, from [redacted] High School

Parents: [redacted]

Home address: [redacted] Rye, N. Y.

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[redacted] born [redacted] at New York City,
admitted to Cornell in September, 1959, from
[redacted] School, New York City

Parent: [redacted]
Home address: [redacted] NYC

[redacted] born [redacted] at New York
City, admitted to Cornell in September, 1951.
Received [redacted] Degree 6/13/55, and returned as
graduate student in 1958.

Parent: [redacted]
Home address: [redacted] NYC

PAUL S. GREEN, born 4/28/39, at New York City,
admitted to Cornell in September, 1955, from High
School of Music and Art, NYC. Received AB Degree
6/15/59, and returned as graduate student in 1960.

Parent: [redacted]
Home address: [redacted] NYC.

[redacted] born [redacted] at Flushing,
N. Y., admitted to Cornell in September, 1954, from
University of Minnesota. Received [redacted] Degree
6/16/58, and admitted as graduate student [redacted]

Parent: [redacted]
Home address: [redacted]
Douglaston, New York

HOUSTON

[redacted] born [redacted] at Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma, admitted to Cornell as graduate student
[redacted] in 1959.

Parent: [redacted]
Home address: [redacted] Corpus
Christi, Texas

PHILADELPHIA

[redacted] graduated from
University [redacted] probably in Spring of
1959.

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BOSTON

[redacted] born [redacted] at Bangor,
Maine, admitted to Cornell as graduate student in
September, 1959, from [redacted] Brunswick,
Maine.

Parent: [redacted]
Home address: [redacted] Bangor, Maine

ALBANY

[redacted] born [redacted] at Paterson,
New Jersey, admitted to Cornell from [redacted]
[redacted] High School in September, 1959.

Parent: [redacted]
Home address: [redacted] Dewitt, N.Y.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RPM*

DATE: 5-25-61

FROM :

[Redacted] *Sh PM*

FREEDOM RIDERS, MISC.

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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Attached are telephone calls in connection with subject matter recorded on 5-24-61. These calls were received by Supervisors [Redacted]

They are being recorded for information. Separate memoranda were prepared on pertinent items.
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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

Calls from Meridian, Mississippi

10:25 a.m., EDST:

SA [] furnished information received from the Meridian, Mississippi, Chief of Police, O. A. Hooker, to the effect that General Wilson of the Tennessee National Guard intended to surround the bus station at Meridian.

10:45 a.m., EDST:

General Wilson of the National Guard had left the police department at Meridian in the company of two reporters; one a UPI man and the other is [] from a Jackson newspaper. These two men flew in from Jackson with General Wilson.

11:30 a.m., EDST:

SA [] advised that General Pat Wilson, Mississippi National Guard, had three cars moving into the state line between Mississippi and Alabama with two or more men in each car. These cars are supposed to fall in behind the bus and follow it at a respectable distance so as not to cause undue excitement. The cars were to follow the bus to Meridian city line and there turn it over to the Meridian city police. SA [] advised that the Mississippi Highway Patrol (MHP) under Colonel Birdsong was sending 18 cars to the state line to convoy the bus to Meridian. According to Birdsong the Alabama state militiamen traveling on the bus, which is the first section of the first convoy, are being replaced by Mississippi state militiamen.

1:10 a.m., EDST:

SA [] advised that the National Guard had moved into the crowd around the bus station at Meridian and evacuated all those without bus tickets. The crowd was moved across the street. There was some jeering from the crowd and one boy waved a Confederate flag. No fights resulted.

12:45 p.m., EDST:

SA [] advised that Colonel [] of the Mississippi National Guard was proceeding to the city hall in Meridian to take charge of dispersing the crowd which was estimated to be

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between 75 and 100. He was coming from Key Field near Meridian. During the call four more trucks with 50 National Guard troops arrived at city hall, Meridian. Chief of Police Hooker had sent detectives into the crowd recording names of persons known to the detectives for future information. The Meridian "Star" newspaper was taking pictures. SAs also were equipped to take photographs. At the Mississippi state line in Mississippi there were approximately 20 cars occupied by MHP, National Guardsmen and newsmen.

1:58 p.m., EDST:

SA [] at Meridian advised that the bus was the first section of the first convoy bus was approaching Meridian and it was being preceded by five MHP cars and followed by ten law enforcement cars, including the sheriff, MHP and one or two National Guard cars.

SA [] advised that the crowd at the station was approximately 300 to 400 people. The second section of the first convoy without any freedom riders on it arrived at Meridian and when it was announced to the crowd there were no freedom riders on this bus, there was loud cheering.

3:20 p.m., EDST:

SA [] advised that information had been received from Colonel Birdsong that the second convoy would receive the same treatment from the highway patrol as was given to the first convoy.

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12:07 p. m.

SA [] at Meridian, Mississippi furnished the following information:

Dave Gaydon, Chief, Mississippi Highway State Police, reportedly is proceeding to Jackson, Mississippi, to handle the situation and insofar as the Mississippi State Police are concerned.

Colonel Birdsong, Commissioner of Public Safety, is remaining in Meridian to direct the activities of the Highway Patrol in that city.

Cars of the Mississippi State Highway Patrol were stationed at one-mile intervals between Meridian and Jackson, Mississippi. As the bus passes each of these check points a pertinent car will follow the bus until the next check point where it will be replaced by the care from the check point.

[] of Meridian, a lawyer, advised that he had heard from talk that delegations from Neshoba, Kemper and Newton Counties were proceeding to Meridian, Mississippi, to be at the station when the bus arrives. The exact number of the members of the delegations was not known and the information has been furnished to the Meridian PD and the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

The Mississippi Highway Patrol has received information from the State Attorney General's office in Jackson to the effect that [] Jackson, bootlegger, had reportedly stated he had a home made bomb and if he could get close enough would throw it into the bus. [] reportedly claimed that he had an alibi established and witnesses would testify that he had been fishing at Eagles Lake. The State Attorney General's office had advised the source of this information as []

[] was fined [] in Jackson, Mississippi, in connection with racial violence that developed relating to efforts of Negroes to "sit-in" at the Jackson public library. SA [] was instructed to insure that this information was furnished to the Jackson PD.

Agent [] liaison agent at PD advised that units of the National Guard had pulled out of the PD and were standing by at Kelly Field local airport. The National Guard had radio units stationed at the state line and these units were to radio Kelly Field when the bus crossed from Alabama

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to Mississippi. The National Guard units at Kelly Field would upon receipt of such information start moving into the downtown area. Source of this information was Chief of Police O. A. Booker, Meridian PD.

The Meridian PD advised that 12 or 15 "tough looking" white men had been observed on a street corner approximately one block from the bus station.

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1:32 p. m.

SA [] of Jackson, Mississippi, advised that unverified information had been received from the Jackson PD to the effect that the Alabama Highway Patrol units reportedly had removed all passengers from the first bus carrying freedom riders and had placed them in Mississippi Highway Patrol cars. Jackson PD advised the source of this information as an unidentified news source.

Subsequently SA [] advised that the Jackson PD had stated there was absolutely no foundation for this rumor.

SA [] advised that Governor Ross Barnett is conferring with police officials and the Mayor of Jackson, Mississippi.

SA [] advised that there are three Negro colleges in the Jackson area.

Tougaloo Southern Christian College (Negro) is located Tougaloo, Mississippi, approximately 5 or 6 miles north of Jackson
Campbell College (Negro) which is located in Jackson opposite Jackson State College
Jackson State College (Negro) in Jackson

According to SA [] Tougaloo and Campbell Colleges are private institutions whereas the Jackson State College is a state-supported institution.

W With reference to the possibility that the freedom riders might stay overnight at one of the colleges in the Jackson area, SA [] stated that it would be more likely that the students would stay at either Tougaloo or Campbell Colleges. He based this opinion on the fact that these two colleges are private whereas the Jackson State College is under the control of the State Board of Education.

2:20 p. m.

SA [] at Meridian, Mississippi advised that the first bus carrying the freedom riders was at that time on the bypass route on the outskirts of Meridian, Mississippi, and apparently was not going to travel

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through the city itself.

SA [] liaison agent at the Meridian PD advised at 12:22 p. m. (CST) announcement was made over the loud speaker in the Meridian bus station to the effect that the bus carrying the freedom riders had bypassed Meridian Mississippi and would not be coming into the station. Immediately following the announcement the crowd that had gathered at the station dispersed. The Meridian PD recalled the uniformed officers who had been on duty at the station and the National Guard members departed from the station. At 12:25 p. m. conditions at the bus station were described as being "normal." At 12:25 p. m. information was received that the bus carrying the freedom riders was now past the city of Meridian traveling west on Route #80 toward Jackson, Mississippi.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *ABK*

DATE: June 6, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

SYNOPSIS

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Thirteen freedom riders who were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, 6/2/61, were convicted 6/5/61, fined \$200 and given 60 days suspended.

Prosecuting attorney announced future freedom riders in Jackson will receive maximum sentence of four months in jail not suspended and \$200 fine.

Sixty-five freedom riders have been arrested in Jackson, of which 17 have been released on bond, one has been released upon payment of fine and 47 remain in custody.

Negroes who used benches at Jackson municipal zoo customarily reserved for white people on 6/4/61 plan to again use the same benches 6/6/61.

NAACP rally scheduled for Jackson, 8:00 p.m., 6/7/61. Principal speaker will be Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary, NAACP, *miss.*

Eight freedom riders from New Orleans due to arrive Jackson by bus 11:30 a.m., Central Standard Time, 6/6/61.

Press reports freedom riders from St. Louis are to fly to Jackson, 6/6/61. (This has been confirmed by a CORE representative.)

Freedom riders scheduled to leave Richmond, Virginia, 6/5/61, for Atlanta and Nashville. They will subsequently travel to Jackson but the date has not been set.

Seventeen students from Cornell University have reportedly volunteered for two freedom rides. One group plans to leave this week and another group next week.

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0 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: FREEBUS

State and local officials met at Tallahassee, Florida, 5/31/61, to discuss plans for handling any freedom riders arriving at Tallahassee, Florida. It was agreed that police and deputy sheriffs will go to the terminal and will arrest any freedom riders violating state or city statutes. If an unruly crowd gathers, the state highway patrol will be called. If necessary, a National Guard unit will be provided to maintain order.

Greyhound Bus station at Tallahassee, Florida, acting on instructions from Chicago, has removed signs indicating segregated waiting rooms.

[redacted] of the [redacted] Alabama, 5/14/61, received an anonymous threatening telephone call 6/5/61. Assistant U. S. Attorney believes this is a violation since [redacted] testified at U. S. Commissioner's hearing and at the hearing on the injunction. Investigation being conducted.

Four freedom riders leaving Wilberforce, Ohio, 6/7/61, by Trailways Bus for Jackson, Mississippi.

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A memorandum is being prepared for the information of the Attorney General.

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DETAILS

The 13 freedom riders who were arrested 6/2/61 upon their arrival at Jackson, Mississippi, were tried on 6/5/61. All were convicted of breach of the peace under the provisions of Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code. Each was sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended and fined \$200. This is the same sentence given other freedom riders in Jackson.

The prosecuting attorney announced in open court that in the future freedom riders will receive the maximum sentence of four months in jail which will not be suspended and a \$200 fine.

A total of 65 freedom riders have now been arrested in Jackson, Mississippi. Seventeen have been released on bond, one has been released upon payment of the fine and 47 remain in custody.

The group of Negroes who were questioned by police and released 6/4/61 when they used benches customarily reserved for white people at the Jackson municipal zoo plan to again use the same benches at 3:00 p.m., 6/6/61. This information was furnished by Medgar Evers, Field Secretary, NAACP. MISS.

Medgar Evers also stated that a NAACP rally will be held in Jackson, Mississippi, at 8:00 p.m., 6/7/61, in the Negro Masonic Temple Building. The principal speaker will be Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, and an attendance of 900 to 1,000 is anticipated.

The Jackson police are arranging to provide protection for the NAACP rally to assure that there is no violence.

[redacted] of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), advised that five white and three Negro freedom riders would depart from New Orleans at 6:15 a.m., Central Standard Time, 6/6/61, via Trailways Bus en route Jackson, Mississippi. The anticipated arrival time in Jackson is 11:30 a.m., Central Standard Time, 6/6/61. Local authorities in New Orleans and Jackson, as well as Louisiana and Mississippi state police, have been advised.

The press has reported that CORE announced in New York that a "fly-in" was scheduled to arrive at the Jackson airport on 6/6/61.

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The press has also reported that Charles ~~X~~Oldham, local CORE Chairman in St. Louis, stated that a group of freedom riders would fly from St. Louis to Jackson, Mississippi, on a Delta, Chicago and Southern airliner, 6/6/61. (This has been confirmed *GA* by a CORE representative.)

The press has also quoted [] of the Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee in Atlanta as stating that five freedom riders would leave Richmond, Virginia, by Trailways Bus on the night of 6/5/61 and would bypass Alabama to enter Mississippi from Tennessee. [] was also quoted as having said that the group had been advised not to attempt to use white facilities until it reached Jackson, Mississippi, and that the group would stop en route at Nashville, Tennessee, for final instructions.

The "Washington Daily News" carried an item on 6/5/61 which indicated that a group of freedom riders leaving Richmond, Virginia, on the evening of 6/5/61 en route to Jackson, Mississippi, would make stops at Birmingham and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, despite the Federal restraining order prohibiting freedom rides in Alabama.

[] of freedom riders at Richmond, has advised that he is not aware of any plans for freedom riders to travel through Alabama. [] planned to leave Richmond on the evening of 6/5/61 at 7:30 p.m., EDT, en route to Atlanta, Georgia, where he expected to arrive at 11:00 a.m., 6/6/61. [] stated that he planned to proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, from Atlanta but did not know the time, date or itinerary as these details would be worked out with []

[] further advised that a group of four freedom riders plan to leave Richmond by Trailways Bus at midnight, 6/5/61, en route to Nashville, Tennessee. From Nashville they intend to proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, but the details of travel have not yet been resolved.

All of the Richmond freedom riders are Negroes.

The local press at Ithaca, New York, has reported that 17 students from ~~X~~Cornell University, including two women, have volunteered to join the freedom riders and that they have tentative plans to send one group this week and another group next week. It was stated that instructions would be received from CORE as to where and when to send the freedom riders.

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Frank Stoutamire, Chief of Police, Tallahassee, Florida, has advised that on 5/31/61 James Kynes, Administrative Aide to the Governor of Florida, called a meeting of state and local law enforcement agencies. The meeting was attended by Tallahassee City Manager Arvah Hopkins; all members of the Tallahassee City Commission; Colonel H. N. Kirkman, Director, Florida Highway Patrol; and Chief Stoutamire. Kynes presided.

The purpose of the meeting was to determine the action that would be taken in the event that freedom riders test the transportation facilities at Tallahassee. It was agreed that upon receiving information that freedom riders were at any local terminal the police will proceed immediately, accompanied by at least two deputy sheriffs. If the freedom riders violate state or municipal laws, they will be arrested and quickly removed to the local jail. If an unruly crowd should form, the highway patrol will be called and, if the highway patrol feels that more assistance is imperative, the Governor's Office will be advised and a unit of the Florida National Guard will be called for assistance in maintaining order.

Mayor Joe Cordell, who was ill, and Sheriff Joyce, who was out of town, were invited but did not attend the above meeting.

Chief Stoutamire also advised that on 5/31/61, acting on instructions from company officials in Chicago, the local manager of the Greyhound Bus terminal removed all signs designating white or colored waiting rooms and put up signs which simply read "waiting room." The Trailways Bus terminal, the railroad terminal and the municipal airport still have signs indicating segregated waiting rooms.

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[redacted] at Anniston, Alabama, on 5/14/61, received an anonymous telephone call on 6/5/61 from an unknown male who stated, "You have exactly 24 hours to get out of town."

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Assistant United States Attorney George A. Blinn at Birmingham expressed the opinion that since [redacted] has testified at the United States Commissioner's hearing on [redacted] and also testified at the injunction hearing on [redacted] he felt that the telephone call is in violation of Section 1503, Title 18, U. S. Code, which deals with threats against witnesses. Investigation being conducted.

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[redacted] of the Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee, Atlanta, advised that two white and two Negro freedom riders will leave Wilberforce, Ohio, 6/7/61, on a Trailways Bus for Jackson, Mississippi, via Nashville, Tennessee, and Memphis.

[redacted] in Jackson, Mississippi, advised that a group of freedom riders will leave St. Louis at about noon, 6/6/61, to fly to Jackson, Mississippi, by commercial airline.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-391)

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

On 6/5/61 [redacted] furnished information concerning
Freedom Riders as set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.
This information was received from [redacted]

[redacted] has been instructed to be alert for
additional information in connection with the above matter.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum has been classi-
fied "~~Confidential~~" inasmuch as the information contained therein
was received from a confidential informant who is furnishing
valuable information on a continuing basis and the unauthorized
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The information concerning the proposed weekly bus trips to Alabama or Mississippi has not been corroborated through other sources of the NYO; however, these sources have been instructed to remain alert to any and all information concerning Freebus matters.

The Bureau of Special Services, NYCPD, has been notified concerning the proposed rally on 6/13/61. NYO will provide appropriate coverage.

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New York, New York

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Re: Freedom Ride, 1961
Racial Matters
Destruction of Aircraft
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On June 5, 1961, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 4, 1961, [redacted] Queens County, New York, Communist Party (CP) [redacted] furnished information which had been discussed at a New York State CP meeting. The date of the latter meeting was not disclosed.

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

This information concerned plans being formulated by the New York State CP regarding future action to be taken by Freedom Riders. It was discussed that starting in June, 1961, a bus load of whites and Negroes would leave New York City on a weekly basis headed for Alabama or Mississippi. No specific target cities have been determined.

[redacted] further disclosed that on [redacted] an all day meeting will be held at [redacted] New York City. The agenda of this meeting will concern the Freedom Riders and several prominent ministers from various religious denominations are scheduled to speak. [redacted] said that CP members are urged to attend this meeting to lend moral and financial support.

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Re: Freedom Ride, 1961
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[] also stated that a rally was planned for June 13, 1961, at Union Square, New York City, concerning the Freedom Riders. It is anticipated that this rally will be publicized in 'The Worker' and other CP publications.

[] mentioned that Harry ~~Belafonte~~, a nationally prominent singer, is scheduled to campaign for and solicit funds to financially support the Freedom Riders. *ajf*

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *HB*

DATE: 6/9/61

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

Time of call: 3:40 p.m.

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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This is an addendum to the information received from the Charlottesville, Virginia, Police Department that 43 white students from Altavista, Virginia, High School were headed toward Washington, D. C., in a Trailways bus carrying a sign "Freedom Riders."

SA [redacted] *MISC.* Washington, Field Office advised that Lieutenant [redacted] Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, has contacted the Trailways bus company. The company confirmed that one of its buses is en route to Washington with 43 seniors from Altavista High School for a week end in Washington with reservations at the Annapolis Hotel. The Annapolis Hotel manager has advised Lieutenant [redacted] that he will not permit the students to stay at his hotel if the sign is still on the bus when it arrives. [redacted] has contacted Captain [redacted] of the Arlington, Virginia, Police Department. [redacted] stated that in view of the possibility of a disturbance being caused by this sign on the bus, he would have his men stop the bus in Arlington and, in a discreet fashion, attempt to have the driver remove the sign if it is a "prank."

[redacted] stated that if [redacted] is not successful, [redacted] will have the bus stopped at the District Line by Metropolitan policemen in a further discreet effort to have this sign taken off the bus.

Any additional information will be furnished as we receive it.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 6-6-61

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE FROM NEW ORLEANS
 TO JACKSON, 6-6-61
 RACIAL MATTERS

With reference to the seven freedom riders who were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, today, ASAC Joseph Sylvester of the New Orleans Office has furnished the following information.

All seven of the Freedom riders were tried this afternoon. All were convicted of breach of the peace under the provisions of Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code. Each was fined \$200 and sentenced to four months in jail, 60 days of which was suspended.

It is noted that the sentences handed down today were more severe than those given to previous freedom riders. Prior to today, such freedom riders have been sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended, and fined \$200.

The maximum sentence provided under the misdemeanor portion of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code, is a fine of \$200 and imprisonment for four months.

Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code, also contains a felony portion providing that if any person adjudged guilty of disorderly conduct resulting in a breach of peace or riot in which another person is maimed, injured or killed he shall be guilty of a felony and on conviction imprisoned in the penitentiary not longer than ten years.

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TO, DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS MEMPHIS, CHARLOTTE, WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-264 1 P

FREEBUS, SIXTY ONE. [REDACTED] CORE, JACKSON, MISS.,
ADVISED TODAY THAT TENTATIVE PLANS ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR FREEDOM
RIDERS COMING TO JACKSON. JUNE SEVEN, THREE FROM ST. LOUIS BY
AIR. JUNE EIGHT, TWELVE FROM NASHVILLE PROBABLY BY BUS.
JUNE NINE, NINE FROM NEW ORLEANS, TRAVEL UNKNOWN. JUNE TWELVE
OR THIRTEEN, SEVEN FROM ROCK HILL, S. C., TRAVEL UNKNOWN.
JUNE TWELVE OR THIRTEEN, NINE FROM WASHINGTON, D. C., TRAVEL
UNKNOWN. MEMPHIS, CHARLOTTE, AND WASHINGTON FIELD MAINTAIN
CONTACT WITH CORE SOURCE AND FURNISH NEW ORLEANS WITH IDENTITY
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TO, DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM, SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-288 4 P

0 RIDERS - MISC.
FREEDOM/RIDE, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE, TRAILWAYS BUS NO. FIVE ONE THREE
ONE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, SIX SIX
SIXTY ONE, RM, CR. RE NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU TODAY.
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE M. B. PIERCE, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,
POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED FOLLOWING SEVEN FREEDOM RIDERS
ARRESTED BY CAPTAIN [REDACTED] JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT,
WHITE WAITING ROOM TRAILWAYS BUS STATION ELEVEN
THIRTY FIVE A. M., SIX SIX SIXTY ONE, FOR BREACH OF THE PEACE.

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[REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, [REDACTED]

AWARENESS MONTHLY

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COLORADO, HEIGHT [REDACTED] WEIGHT [REDACTED]

MEDIUM BUILD, EYES BLUE, BLOND HAIR, PARENTS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DENVER, COLORADO, ARREST 14 JUN 13 1961

RECORD, ADMITS ARREST BY POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,

IN THREE SIXTY FOR [REDACTED] FOR WHICH HE SERVED

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THIRTY DAYS, ARREST BY POLICE DEPARTMENT, NEW
ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, SIX SIXTY ONE, [REDACTED] CHARGE DISMISSED.

JAMES THOMAS MC DONOUGH, ADDRESS ONE THREE ZERO WEST NECK,
HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK, OCCUPATION UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, TORONTO,
CANADA, WM, AGE TWENTY TWO, BORN TWO SEVEN THIRTY NINE, HUNTINGTON,
NEW YORK, HEIGHT FIVE FEET TEN, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE,
RUDDY COMPLEXION, HAS MANY PIMPLES ON FACE, SLENDER BUILD, EYES
GRAY, BROWN HAIR, PARENTS [REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS,
AND WALTER G. MC DONOUGH, FATHER, DECEASED, ARREST RECORD, ADMITS
ARRESTED POLICE DEPARTMENT, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FOR
PICKETING SIX SIXTY ONE DASH DISMISSED. [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, WAGNER COLLEGE, STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK, [REDACTED]
AGE [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK,

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SLENDER BUILD, BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES, FAIR COMPLEXION, OCCUPATION
[REDACTED] FATHER, [REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS.

ARREST RECORD, ADMITS ARRESTED WASHINGTON, D. C., SIXTY ONE
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ARREST BY POLICE DEPARTMENT, NEW ORLEANS, SIX SIXTY ONE,
PICKETING, CHARGE DISMISSED. [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED] MADISON, WISCONSIN,

STUDENT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, [REDACTED]

AGE [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, HEIGHT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GRAY EYES, BLOND HAIR, SLENDER

BUILD, OLIVE COMPLEXION, MOTHER, [REDACTED]

FATHER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS, CLAIMS NO PRIOR ARREST RECORD.

ERNEST NEWELL WEBER, ADDRESS TWO SEVEN NINE DASH FOURTH AVENUE,
EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, SELF EMPLOYED PHOTOGRAPHER, WM, AGE
FIFTY TWO, BORN FOUR TWENTY THREE ZERO NINE AT EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY,
HEIGHT FIVE FT. TEN, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN
EYES, REDDISH COMPLEXION, BLACK DASH GRAY HAIR, SINGLE, GRADUATE
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, MOTHER, HATTIE
NEWELL WEBER,, FATHER, ERNEST M. WEBER, BOTH DECEASED, ARREST
RECORD, ADMITS PICKETING IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY,

DATE UNKNOWN. [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, STUDENT [REDACTED]

HIGH SCHOOL, NEW

ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, [REDACTED]

AGE [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LAKE PROVIDENCE, LOUISIANA, HEIGHT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROWN EYES, BLACK COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR,

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MOTHER, [REDACTED] FATHER, [REDACTED] BOTH SAME

ADDRESS, CLAIMS NO PRIOR ARREST RECORD. [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,

MARION COLLEGE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, [REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED] BROOKFIELD, MISSISSIPPI, HEIGHT

[REDACTED] SLENDER BUILD, HAS

[REDACTED] BLACK COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, HAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FATHER, [REDACTED]

MOTHER [REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS, ARREST RECORD, ADMITS

DEMONSTRATION AND PICKETING CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,

SIXTY ONE AND ARREST FOR PICKETING NEW ORLEANS,

SIX SIXTY ONE DASH DISMISSED. CHIEF OF POLICE M. B. PIERCE,

JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THAT ABOVE INDIVIDUALS TRIED

IN JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT TODAY FOR VIOLATION SECTION TWO ZERO

EIGHT SEVEN POINT FIVE, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF NINETEEN FORTY TWO

ANNOTATED AND WERE CONVICTED. EACH WAS SENTENCED TO PAY TWO

HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE AND TO SERVE FOUR MONTHS IN JAIL, SIXTY DAYS

OF THIS PERIOD WAS SUSPENDED.

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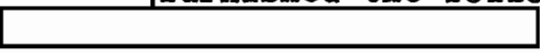
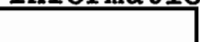
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TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*DATE: 6/8/61 *45/16*FROM : 

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.

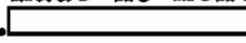
At 1:30 a.m. SA  furnished the following information which he obtained from 
 "Jackson Daily News":

An NAACP meeting was held Negro Masonic building, 8:00 p.m. Estimated 1,200 persons in attendance. Featured speaker was Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary, NAACP, Request for financial contribution and, while it was not announced as to the total, it was quite large and would almost fill two beer cases. This was a contribution for NAACP rather than the freedom riders. *MISC.*

Some of comments made by  *WILKINS:*

Said the President, Kennedy, was embarrassed in his exchanges with Mr. Khrushchev because he could not honestly plead for democracy in Laos with Khrushchev looking over his shoulder reading the headlines about Mississippi and Alabama. No mention during meeting of the FBI or Justice Department. He said that the NAACP is starting a voter's registration campaign in seven Mississippi cities now. Not identified. Said if they encountered any violation they would ask Federal authorities to investigate. He referred to John Satterfield of Mississippi (Yazoo City, Mississippi) President Elect, American Bar Association. In an address Satterfield made at Emory University, Atlanta, GA, early May, 1961, Satterfield called for Government under law and Wilkins said all they, presumably Negroes, want under Satterfield is Government under law in Mississippi.

Concerning the freedom riders: *Cam*

He said that while the NAACP does not agree on minor details of their procedures they have no intention of trying to block them. He said that the National Director of CORE conferred with him prior to these freedom rides. They offered assistance where possible. Wilkins made no mention of his future plans or itinerary. No incidents.  observed four uniformed policemen standing outside the building.

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TO :

Mr. Rosen *RX*

DATE: 6-7-61

FROM :

SUBJECT:

FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC

SA [redacted] called from the Jackson, Mississippi, RA at 8:19 p.m. to furnish the following information:

The following freedom riders have arrived in Jackson, Mississippi, 4:59 p.m. CST, 6-7-61 aboard Delta Airlines flight #465, a Chicago to New Orleans flight.

[redacted] years of age, [redacted] Webster Grove, Missouri, employed at the [redacted] St. Louis.

[redacted] years of age, [redacted] St. Louis. Claims to be graduate student of St. Louis University. *MO!*

[redacted] years of age, [redacted] St. Louis, employment not shown. *MO!*

The above data was obtained from Jackson Police Department arrest records. All three were arrested and charged with breach of the peace. [redacted] was arrested as he started to enter the white men's restroom. [redacted] was arrested as she started to enter the white woman's restroom. [redacted] was arrested after entering the airport cafe.

There were no incidents and the three individuals will probably be tried at 3:00 p.m., 6-8-61.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: 6/12/61

FROM :

SUBJECT: PROPOSED FREEDOM RIDE
 6/13/61, WASHINGTON, D. C.
 TO ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
 RACIAL MATTERS

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ASAC Howell, Washington Field Office, called to advise that information had been received from the Metropolitan Police Department, informants and the Congress of Racial Equality to the effect that two groups of freedom riders would leave Washington, D. C., via Greyhound bus at 7:45 a.m., 6/13/61. Both buses will reportedly leave at the same time, one group of riders consisting of 16 people will be composed of professional and union people; the second group of 15 or 20, will consist of ministers and rabbis. Each group will have a mixture of Negroes and whites in it. ASAC Howell stated that a press conference was to be held today at 2 p.m. at the Washington Fellowship House, 945 L Street, Northwest, to release plans for these freedom rides to the press.

ASAC Howell stated that the groups plan to spend the night of 6/13/61 at the Payne Hotel, Wilmington, North Carolina. On 6/14/61 the groups plan to stay at private homes in Charleston, South Carolina. On 6/15/61 the riders will be in Jacksonville, Florida; however, it is not known where they plan to spend the night. The groups will complete their journey at St. Petersburg, Florida, on 6/16/61. The members of both groups plan to leave St. Petersburg by plane on 6/16/61, one going to New York City and the other to Newark, New Jersey.

It has been reported that the groups plan to test the various terminal facilities in the states through which they will pass; however, no specific information regarding this has yet been obtained. Information was received on 6/10/61 from a member of the Congress of Racial Equality that two groups would leave Washington by Greyhound bus on 6/13/61, however it was indicated that one of these groups consisting of 18 clergymen would make stops in Raleigh, North Carolina, Sumter, South Carolina, Jacksonville, Florida, and would terminate their trip at Tallahassee, Florida. The proposed itinerary of the other group is similar to that set forth above, terminating in St. Petersburg. *am*
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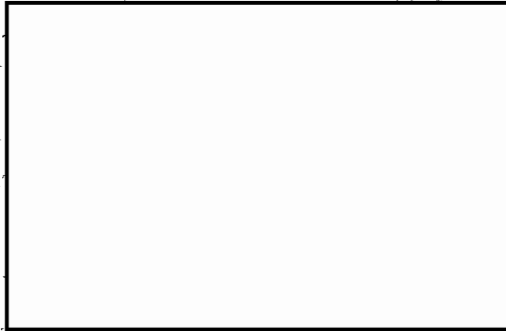
ASAC Howell advised that a teletype is being forwarded to the Bureau and to the various offices covering the states through which the freedom riders will pass. Teletype will set forth pertinent information concerning the rides, the identities of the riders and instructions to the various offices to alert appropriate local authorities.

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Date 6/2/61

Captain [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that the following Freedom Riders arrested May 24, 1961 had been released on the dates shown: (u)

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He advised that all others arrested May 24, 1961 are still confined to jail. (u)

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On 6/1/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-264

by SA [redacted] /dfs Date dictated 6/2/61

Date 6/2/61

JACK A. TRAVIS, JR., City Attorney, advised that on May 30, 1961 JAMES L. SPENCER, Municipal Judge and Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace for the City of Jackson signed 8 individual Orders for Cash Appeal Bond, which are identical, and which authorize the posting of a Cash Appeal Bond in lieu of a surety bond for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mr. TRAVIS stated he desired to point out that by Mississippi State Statute a cash bond is not acceptable unless no person who has property within the State of Mississippi is willing to serve as surety on his bond. (u)

Mr. TRAVIS advised that to date the above are the only Freedom Riders who have posted appeal bonds (u)

Mr. TRAVIS advised that the Order for Cash Appeal Bond would read as follows: (u)

"IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

"CITY OF JACKSON

"VS.

" (name of defendant)

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"ORDER FOR CASH APPEAL BOND

"This cause this day coming on to be heard on the oral motion of the defendant, (name of defendant), by and through his attorney, for authority to post a Cash Appeal Bond in lieu of a bond with sureties, and it appearing unto the Court that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Mississippi and that no person, who has property within the State of Mississippi,

On 5/30/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-264

by SA [REDACTED] /dfs Date dictated 5/30/61

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Ry*

DATE: 6/9/61

FROM :

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

Misc.
 At 1:37 a.m. SAC Bromwell, New Orleans, was advised that United Press International ticker, 9:37 p.m., 6/8/61, states three of the freedom riders who arrived in Jackson today requested separate trials and were to be tried later. This does not agree with previous information which indicated that all who arrived today had been convicted. Bromwell was instructed to resolve this issue and call back tonight.

At 2:15 a.m. SA Jackson, advised that the three subjects who arrived by airplane from St. Louis on 6/7/61 were handled separately on 6/8/61 because they were not represented by and did not wish to be represented by counsel. However, they were convicted and the figure previously given of 21 convictions on 6/8/61 is correct.

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Mr. Ingram
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URGENT 6-7-61 12-34 PM FREEDOM RIDERS
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM SAC, ALBANY /157-21/
FREEBUS, RM. INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY
CORNELL [REDACTED] GRADUATE STUDENT, LEFT ITHACA, N.Y. BY BUS
YESTERDAY FOR NASHVILLE, TENN. TO JOIN FREEDOM RIDERS.

[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] AT BROOKLYN, NY AND
ADMITTED TO CORNELL IN FIFTYNINE FROM BROOKLYN COLLEGE.

PARENTS [REDACTED] HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROOKLYN. NEW YORK OFFICE REQUESTED TO

FURTHER IDENTIFY AND REVIEW FILES RE [REDACTED]

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RJR*

DATE: 6/8/61

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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SA called from the Jackson Resident Agency at 12:36 p.m. He advised that the Illinois Central Railroad train, "City of New Orleans," had arrived at Jackson at 10:20 a.m., CST. This train departed from New Orleans at 7:15 a.m., CST, carrying, among others, a group of freedom riders.

Upon departing from the train in Jackson, the group, which consisted of four Negro males, one Negro female and four white females, all entered the white waiting room. They were thereupon arrested by Jackson police after refusing to leave. There were no incidents and no crowds of people.

SA advised a teletype is being submitted containing the identities of the freedom riders and any other details obtained from a review of arrest records.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 6-8-61

FROM :

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SUBJECT:

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FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.

At 6:30 p.m. EDST, Agent [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, advised that 21 freedom riders were tried and convicted in the municipal court, Jackson, Mississippi, this afternoon, June 8, 1961. The following freedom riders were convicted of violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code, and sentenced to four months with 60 days of this sentence suspended. They were also fined \$200.

[redacted] MISS
 A group of three who flew into Jackson from St. Louis, Missouri, June 7, 1961.

A group of six who arrived by train 1:25 p.m., June 7, from New Orleans.

A group of nine who arrived by train from New Orleans, June 8.

Also convicted was [redacted] who arrived in Jackson last night, June 7, from Memphis via a Greyhound bus. [redacted] was convicted under Section 2089.5, Mississippi Code, which is a general breach of the peace statute. He was also sentenced to four months with 60 days of this sentence suspended and a \$200 fine.

SA [redacted] was instructed to submit a summary teletype containing ~~memorandum~~ ^{NAMES} of all individuals convicted and any pertinent information.

SA [redacted] advised that Minneapolis had informed that a group of college students were forming in Minneapolis to travel by Greyhound bus on June 9, 1961, for Nashville, Tennessee. There are at least five students in this group with an additional six tentative riders.

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The Attorney General

June 12, 1961

Director, FBI

FREEDOM RIDE 1961

RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS

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ON *6-19-00*

misc.
Six freedom riders were arrested in Jackson, Mississippi, on June 10, 1961, and six more were arrested on June 11, 1961. There have been 119 freedom riders arrested at Jackson since May 24, 1961. Of this number, 84 remain in custody.

Information has been received that on June 12, 1961, a group of 18 clergymen will leave Washington, D. C., on a freedom ride through North Carolina and South Carolina, terminating at Tallahassee, Florida, on June 15, 1961. Two other groups totaling 14 individuals also plan to leave Washington, D. C., June 13, 1961, to travel through North Carolina and South Carolina to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they will arrive on June 16, 1961. These three groups will all travel by bus.

[redacted] male freedom rider from Washington, D. C., who was arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on May 24, 1961. is said to be a friend of [redacted] at Atlanta University. [redacted] Helen Sobell. [redacted] of Morton Sobell who is serving a 30-year sentence for having engaged in Russian espionage. Helen Sobell [redacted] have been involved in Communist Party activities. [redacted] has reportedly made pro-Soviet statements.

[redacted] male student from Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, was arrested as a freedom rider in Jackson, Mississippi, May 24, 1961. During the spring quarter of 1961, [redacted] gained employment at [redacted] which is owned and/or operated at Montgomery, Alabama, by Aubrey Willis Williams. Williams is national chairman of the National Committee to Abolish the Segregation Activities Committee. It has been reported that [redacted] is closely with [redacted]

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The Attorney General

[redacted] female freedom rider from Chicago, was arrested in Jackson, Mississippi, on June 18, 1961. She is a member of the [redacted]. It has been reported that on June 9, 1961, a member of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in Chicago telephoned CORE in some other city requesting that [redacted] be removed from the freedom ride because it was believed that she is subversive.

On June 4, 1961, there was a meeting of various Klan officials at East Chattanooga, Tennessee. Jack Brown, Imperial Wizard, Elks Klan of Chattanooga, allegedly stated that drivers of freedom ride buses must be stopped and that this can be accomplished by shooting the driver from a truck or by dynamiting the bus.

Kenneth L. Adams, Grand Dragon, Elks Klan of Alabama, allegedly remarked [redacted]

It is noted that Adams has been instrumental in providing bond for the subjects arrested by the FBI in connection with the bus burning at Anniston, Alabama, on May 14, 1961.

Further pertinent developments will be promptly reported to the Department.

- 1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Hurke Marshall
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

NOTE: This is classified "~~Confidential~~" because exposure of informants would adversely affect the defense interests of the nation.

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The Attorney General

June 13, 1961

Director, FBI

RIDERS - MISC
FREEDOM RIDE 1961

RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
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On June 12, 1961, the twelve freedom riders who were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on June 10, 1961, and June 11, 1961, were convicted of breach of the peace. Each was sentenced to serve four months in jail and was fined \$200. No sentences were suspended.

Sheriff J. Robert Gilfoxy, Hinds County, Mississippi, advised that he has been authorized, subject to court approval, to transfer the freedom riders to the State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi. Sheriff Gilfoxy stated in confidence that he plans to make this transfer at daybreak on June 14, 1961, or possibly on June 15, 1961.

Sheriff Gilfoxy anticipates that in the future he will transfer freedom riders to the State Penitentiary when approximately thirty of them have been collected in the local jails.

U. S. District Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., Montgomery, Alabama, postponed the hearing for an injunction against freedom rides until July 17, 1961. Judge Johnson advised that the original ten-day restraining order which he issued on June 2, 1961, would expire at midnight on June 12, 1961; however, Attorney [redacted] has filed a motion to continue the restraining order for another ten-day period. Judge Johnson reserved his ruling on this motion for the time being but stated that he might give a ruling at any time.

[redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Chicago, advised on June 12, 1961, that a group of freedom riders plans to leave Chicago, June 13, 1961, for Nashville, Tennessee. CORE will arrange travel for them by bus from Nashville to Jackson, Mississippi.

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The Attorney General

We have been informed that a union and professional group of fourteen freedom riders was scheduled to leave Washington, D. C., by Greyhound bus at 7:45 a. m., June 13, 1961. The group has reservations to spend the night of June 13, 1961, at the Payne Hotel in Wilmington, North Carolina. They plan to leave Wilmington on two separate Greyhound buses on June 14, 1961, and will spend the night of June 14, 1961, at Charleston, South Carolina, in private homes.

On June 15, 1961, the above group intends to proceed to Jacksonville, Florida, where they again plan to stay in private homes and will depart from Jacksonville on two separate Greyhound buses on June 16, 1961, arriving in St. Petersburg, Florida, at 12:45 p. m., and 5:10 p. m. Two of the members of this group intend to return to New York by airplane from Tampa and the others plan to fly to New York from St. Petersburg.

Information has also been received to the effect that a group of eighteen ministers and rabbis plans to leave Washington, D. C., by Greyhound bus at 11:55 a. m., June 13, 1961. They intend to spend the night of June 13, 1961, at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, and will proceed by Greyhound bus on June 14, 1961, to Sumter, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; and Jacksonville, Florida, arriving in Jacksonville at 7:45 a. m., June 15, 1961. They allegedly plan to have breakfast at the Jacksonville bus terminal and test the facilities of the bus station. On June 15, 1961, they will proceed to Tallahassee, Florida, where they intend to test the airport facilities before they depart for New York via Eastern Air Lines at 3:25 p. m.

The Jacksonville, Florida, Police Department is following the situation and plans to make no arrests unless there is trouble.

A confidential informant in Miami has advised that J. H. Kesthley, President of the Florida States Rights Party, stated that pressure is being brought to bear regarding the freedom riders and that all freedom riders who attempt sit-in in Florida will be arrested. He also said that the Governor and the sheriffs' association have set up plans for handling the arrests and he alleged that the freedom rides are sponsored and financed by CORE, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and communist organizations.

The Attorney General

The "Miami Herald" has reported that Sheriff Thomas Kelly warned integration leaders in Miami that "If any freedom riders come to Dade County they will land in jail."

Sources in Los Angeles, whose reliability has not been determined, have advised that CORE will sponsor a meeting on June 10, 1961, which is to be held in the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Approximately thirty thousand people are expected to attend including Governor Edmund G. Brown and Stanley Mosk, Attorney General for the State of California.

It was stated that the principal speaker will be Martin Luther King.

These sources in Los Angeles have also advised that many Negroes feel that their rights have not been properly protected by the Los Angeles police and are ready to fight if they are molested or threatened by the police or members of the Caucasian race. It is alleged that there is racial friction in the Los Angeles area which is the result of racial conditions in the Southern States and which is compounded by the large number of white people who have moved to Los Angeles from the South.

The Department will be promptly advised of further pertinent developments.

1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Burke Marshall

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-373)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-82)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS: RACIAL MATTER
(OO: MOBILE)

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC

Re New York airtel, dated 5/31/61.

Enclosed herewith are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum, concerning a freedom rally at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, New York City, on 6/5/61.

The sources used are as follows:

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
June 6, 1961

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Re: Freedom Rides, 1961
Racial Matters

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 29, 1961, that a Freedom Rally to protest the jailing of the freedom riders and secure protection for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), would be held at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 120th Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City, on the evening of June 5, 1961. This source advised the sponsors of this rally would be the Social Action Commission of the Empire State Baptist Convention and the New York Division of the SCLC. *N.Y.*

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 6, 1961, advised as follows concerning this rally: b7D

The Mt. Olivet Baptist Church was full and contained approximately 1000 persons of whom about 100 were white and the rest Negro. There were about 2000 persons in a crowd outside the church and loud speakers were set up on the street so that those outside could hear the speakers. The crowd was orderly and there were no incidents of violence.

Reverend Ralph Abernathy, SCLC, Montgomery, Alabama, requested that people travel to the south. He said that money alone sent to Alabama and Mississippi without the presence of people from the Northern section of the United States, the fight for total freedom in all states will take much longer to accomplish. *N.Y.*

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Re: Freedom Rides, 1961
Racial Matters

[REDACTED] President of the African Conference is the person who was shot from a passing car the second day of the rioting in Montgomery. He said many Negroes had been wounded but had refused to report this to the police for fear of hoodlum retaliation. He further stated that he informed the Governor that he was in this fight to stay and taking his life would not stop the movement for freedom.

[REDACTED] and one of the freedom riders jailed said he was happy to be jailed if this is American justice. He said he informed the warden upon his release to keep his cell unoccupied, because he would be back.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
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[REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York, said that he regretted that he could not comply with the Attorney General's request not to embarrass the President at this time, when he would be talking with the leaders of the world. He stated that he, as a Negro, has been embarrassed since the day he was born.

Reverend Martin L. King cited the many contributions Negroes have rendered America over a period of two hundred years. He said that he was requesting the President to declare segregation unconstitutional and authorize a second Emancipation Proclamation.

The Above information was verified in substance on June 6, 1961, by a [REDACTED] confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who furnished the following information:

At this rally, contribution envelopes were passed out requesting contributions for the SCLC, 208 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia. A collection was taken up at this rally to which there appeared to be a big response.

Re: Freedom Rides, 1961
Racial Matters

A number of [REDACTED] b7D
gave checks of [REDACTED] It was announced
that over \$1400.00 had been donated in checks alone.

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Reporting Office NEW ORLEANS	Office of Origin NEW ORLEANS	Date 6/2/61	Investigative Period 5/23 - 6/1/61
TITLE OF CASE FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways Bus #P-220 from Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi, 5/24/61; Trailways Bus #218 from Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi, 5/24/61		Report made by SA [redacted]	Typed By: eah dfs
		CHARACTER OF CASE RM; CR	CC TO: SP-5 REQ. REC'D 5-20-61 NOV 6 1967 ANS BY: [initials]

REFERENCES

Bureau phone call to New Orleans, 5/23/61. *u*

Report of SA [redacted] New Orleans, 5/26/61, captioned, "FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, RM; DAMV; CR" (NO File 157-264). *(u)*

Report of SA [redacted] New Orleans, 5/28/61, captioned, "FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, RM; DAMV; CR" (NO File 157-264). *(u)*

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

1. Will follow and report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders. *(u)*

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

Trailways Bus #P-220 from
Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson,
Mississippi, 5/24/61;

Character:

Trailways Bus #218 from Montgomery,
Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi, 5/24/61

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Twelve Freedom Riders arrested for Breach of Peace and failing to obey an order of a police officer by Jackson, Miss., PD at Trailways Bus Station, Jackson, Miss., about 2:00 PM, 5/24/61, after arriving from Montgomery, Ala., on Bus #P-220. Fifteen Freedom Riders similarly arrested Trailways Bus Station, at 4:45 PM, 5/24/61, after arriving from Montgomery, Ala., on Bus #218. Identity of those arrested set out. All arrested tried in Municipal Court, Jackson, 5/26/61, for violation S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code, and convicted. All sentenced to pay \$200 fine and 60 days in jail, with jail sentence suspended. Summary of course of trial set out. Identity of individuals released on bond as of 6/1/61 set out. (u)

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DETAILS:

This report is divided into Parts I, II and III. Part I pertains to Freedom Riders arrested at Continental Trailways Bus Station at about 2:00 PM, May 24, 1961. Part II pertains to the Freedom Riders arrested at Continental Trailways Bus Station, 4:45 PM, May 24, 1961. Both rides originated Montgomery, Alabama. Part III pertains to court action following arrest of these Riders at Jackson. (u)

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2. Will report results of photographs made at scene of arrest. (u)

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An extra copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Division in the event the Bureau desires to furnish a copy to the USA, Jackson. (u)

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On May 23, 1961, the following officials were notified of the contemplated travel of Freedom Riders on Trailways Buses on May 24, 1961: (u)

Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, by ASAC JOSEPH T. SYLVESTER, JR. (u)

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, by SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II. (u)

Chief of Police O. A. BOOKER, Meridian, Mississippi, by SA [REDACTED] (u)

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PART I

Arrival Mississippi State Line

At 11:45 AM, May 24, 1961, Bureau Agents observed that Trailways Bus #P-220 had crossed into Mississippi from Alabama on US Highway 80. This bus picked up an escort of eight Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) cars at this point. According to Chief DAVE GAYDEN, MHSP, this convoy escorted the bus directly to Jackson, Mississippi, with no stops en route other than a brief stop on the outskirts of Meridian, Mississippi, where the bus drivers were changed. This bus did not enter the downtown area of Meridian or stop at the Meridian Bus Terminal. u

At 10:30 AM, May 24, 1961, Bureau Agents observed a crowd of both whites and Negroes beginning to congregate in the Trailways Bus Station in Meridian. At 10:52 AM, this crowd was estimated at between 200-300 persons. Uniformed Meridian Police Officers and Mississippi National Guard (MNG) troops surrounded the area of the bus station at Meridian. There were no incidents at Meridian. u

Bus #P-220 arrived at the Trailways Depot in Jackson at 2:00 PM, May 24, 1961. There were no incidents en route from the Alabama State Line to Jackson. u

Arrests at Jackson, Mississippi

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised that his officers were present at the Trailways Bus Depot on the arrival of buses from Montgomery, Alabama, May 24, 1961, at about 2:00 PM and 4:45 PM. He stated that when the defendants entered the white waiting room and the rest room adjacent thereto his officers ordered the defendants to move on. He stated this order was given twice and when the defendants failed to do so they were placed under arrest. He stated they were taken directly to patrol wagon and taken to the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department. He advised the defendants were not handcuffed, threatened or abused in any manner whatsoever. u

Chief PIERCE advised that after defendants were brought to the Jackson Police Department they were booked and jailed. u

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by SA [redacted] oah Date dictated 5/26/61

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The records of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department reflect the following arrest records for the following individuals: u

B. APPROX. [redacted]

[redacted] Washington, D. C., [redacted] male, age [redacted] occupation office worker, Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted] lbs., fair complexion, brown hair, grey eyes, charge - Inciting a Riot, Refusing to Obey An Officer's Orders and Breach of the Peace. Arrested at Trailways Bus Station by [redacted] 2:00 PM, 5/24/61. u

[redacted] New Orleans, La., [redacted] female, student, Southern University, New Orleans, La., Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted] black complexion, black hair, brown eyes, [redacted] lbs., charge - Inciting a Riot, Refusing to Obey an Officer's Orders and Breach of the Peace. Arrested at Trailways Bus Station by [redacted] 2:15 PM, 5/24/61. u

B. APPROX. [redacted]

[redacted] New Orleans, La., [redacted] female, age [redacted] unemployed, Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted] complexion brown, black hair, brown eyes, [redacted] lbs., charge - Inciting a Riot, Refusing to Obey An Officer's Orders and Breach of the Peace. Arrested at Trailways Bus Station by [redacted] 2:00 PM, 5/24/61. u

B. APPROX. [redacted]

[redacted] Brooklyn 12, N. Y., [redacted] male, age [redacted] occupation [redacted] student, Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted] dark brown complexion, black hair, dark brown eyes [redacted] lbs., charge - Inciting a Riot, Refusing to Obey An Officer's Orders and Breach of the Peace. Arrested Trailways Bus Depot by [redacted] 2:15 PM, 5/24/61. u

B. APPROX. [redacted]

[redacted] Nashville 8, Tennessee, [redacted] male, [redacted] student at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted] brown complexion, black hair, black eyes, [redacted] lbs., arrested Trailways Bus Station by [redacted] for Inciting a Riot, Refusing to Obey An Officer's Orders and Breach of the Peace, 2:00 PM, 5/24/61. u

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B. APPROX. [redacted]

[redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, [redacted] male, [redacted]
minister, Community Church, Mother [redacted] Father -
[redacted] light brown complexion, black hair, brown eyes.
[redacted] lbs., arrested Trailways Bus Station by [redacted]
[redacted] for Inciting a Riot, Refusing to Obey An Officer's
Orders and Breach of the Peace. 2:15 PM, 5/24/61. u

B. APPROX. [redacted]

[redacted] Shreveport, La.,
[redacted] male, [redacted] occupation Dillard University, New Orleans,
La., Mother [redacted] Father [redacted] tan complexion, black
hair, brown eyes, [redacted] lbs., charge - Inciting a
Riot, Refusing to Obey An Officer's Orders and Breach of the
Peace. Arrested Trailways Bus Depot by [redacted]
[redacted] 2:15 PM, 5/24/61. u

A. APPROX. [redacted]

[redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, [redacted] male, age [redacted] occupation,
minister, Mother [redacted] Father [redacted] black
complexion, brown eyes [redacted] lbs., charge - Inciting
a Riot, Refusing to Obey An Officer's Orders and Breach of
the Peace. Arrested at Trailways Bus Station by [redacted]
2:15 PM, 5/24/61. u

B. APPROX. [redacted]

[redacted] Atlanta, Ga.,
[redacted] male, [redacted] occupation - student, Morehouse College,
Mother [redacted] Father [redacted] light complexion, black
hair, brown eyes, 6', 175 lbs., charge - Inciting a Riot,
Refusing to Obey An Officer's Orders and Breach of the Peace.
Arrested at Trailways Bus Station by [redacted] 2:15 PM,
5/24/61. u

B. APPROX. [redacted]

[redacted] Tampa, Hillsboro, Fla. [redacted] male [redacted] Baptist Preacher,
Mother [redacted] Father [redacted] light brown complexion,
black hair, brown eyes [redacted] lbs., charge - Inciting a
Riot, Refusing to Obey An Officer's Orders and Breach of
the Peace. Arrested at Trailways Bus Station by [redacted]
[redacted] 2:15 PM, 5/24/61. u

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~~JAMES LUTHER BEVEL~~, 1800 Whites Creek Pike,
Nashville, Tennessee, colored male, 24, occupation student,
Mother - ILLIE; Father - DENNIS, black hair, brown com-
plexion, black eyes, 5'7", 135 lbs., charge - Inciting a
Riot, Refusing to Obey An Officer's Orders and Breach of
the Peace. Arrested at Trailways Bus Station by [redacted]
[redacted] 2:00 PM, 5/24/61. u [redacted]
[redacted]

Nashville, Tenn., [redacted] male [redacted] occupation - Methodist
Minister, Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted] light brown
complexion, black hair, brown eyes, [redacted] lbs.,
arrested Trailways Bus Depot [redacted] charge -
Inciting a Riot, Refusing to Obey An Officer's Orders and
Breach of the Peace, 2:15 PM, 5/24/61. Arresting Officer, [redacted]
[redacted] u

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PART II

Arrival Mississippi State Line

At 2:25 p.m., May 24, 1961, Bureau Agents observed that Trailways Bus #218, had crossed into Mississippi from Alabama on U. S. Highway 80. This bus picked up an escort of 17 Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol cars. This convoy escorted the bus directly to Jackson, Mississippi, with no stops en route, other than a brief stop on the outskirts of Meridian, Mississippi where the bus drivers were changed. This bus did not enter the downtown area of Meridian or stop at the Meridian Bus Terminal. At 2:56 p.m., May 24, 1961, an estimated crowd of 25 people was observed in the vicinity of the Trailways Bus Terminal in Meridian. Uniformed Meridian Police officers and MNG troops surrounded the area of the bus station. There were no incidents at Meridian, Mississippi. Bus #218 arrived at Jackson, Mississippi at 4:33 p.m., May 24, 1961. There were no incidents en route from the Alabama state line to Jackson. u

Arrests at Jackson, Mississippi

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[redacted] Record Bureau, Jackson Police Department, advised the files of that office contain fifteen separate Arrest Reports for the following individuals, all of whom were arrested at the White Waiting Room of the Trailways Bus Station, Jackson, Mississippi, at 4:45 PM, on May 24, 1961, for Breach of the Peace and for Failing to Obey an Order of a Police Officer: u [redacted] B. APPROX. [redacted]

(1) [redacted] New York City, [redacted] male, age [redacted] student at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, [redacted] lbs., sallow complexion, brown hair, brown eyes. Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted] Arresting Officer [redacted]

(2) [redacted] El Paso, Texas, [redacted] female, age [redacted] student at Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee, [redacted] lbs., tan complexion, black hair, brown eyes; Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted] Arresting Officer, [redacted] B. APPROX. [redacted]

(3) [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, [redacted] male, age [redacted] student at Tennessee A & I University, [redacted] lbs., brown complexion, black hair, brown eyes, Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted] Arresting Officer, [redacted] B. APPROX. [redacted]

(4) [redacted] Atlanta 14, Georgia, [redacted] male, age [redacted] student at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, [redacted] lbs., brown complexion, brown eyes, black hair, [redacted] Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted] Arresting Officer, [redacted] B. APPROX. [redacted]

(5) [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, [redacted] male, age [redacted] student at American Baptist Seminary, [redacted] lbs., brown complexion, brown eyes, black hair, [redacted] Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted] Arresting Officer, [redacted] a

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(6) JAMES L. FARMER, 85 Bedford Street, New York, New York, colored male, age 41, National Director of the CORE, 6'1", 210 lbs., light complexion, black hair, brown eyes, Mother - PEARL; Father - JAMES; Arresting Officer, [REDACTED] u

(7) [REDACTED] Petersburg, Virginia, [REDACTED] male, age [REDACTED] Howard University, Washington, D. C., [REDACTED] lbs., black hair, black complexion, brown eyes, Mother - [REDACTED] Father - [REDACTED] Arresting Officer, [REDACTED] u

(8) [REDACTED] Nashville, Tennessee, colored male, age [REDACTED] Baptist Minister, [REDACTED] lbs., black hair, black complexion, brown eyes, [REDACTED] Mother - [REDACTED] Father - [REDACTED] Arresting Officer, [REDACTED] u

(9) [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, [REDACTED] male, age [REDACTED] occupation - Howard University, Washington, D. C., student, complexion black, hair black, eyes brown [REDACTED] lbs., Father - [REDACTED] Mother - [REDACTED] Arresting Officer, [REDACTED] u

(10) [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana, [REDACTED] male, age [REDACTED] occupation [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana, complexion black, hair black, eyes brown, [REDACTED] lbs., Father - [REDACTED] Mother - [REDACTED] Arresting Officer, [REDACTED] u

(11) [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana, [REDACTED] female, age [REDACTED] no occupation, tan complexion, black hair, brown eyes, [REDACTED] lbs., Father - [REDACTED] Mother - [REDACTED] Arresting Officer, [REDACTED] u

(12) [REDACTED] Nashville, Tennessee, [REDACTED] male, age [REDACTED] occupation minister, brown complexion, black hair, brown eyes, [REDACTED] lbs., Father - [REDACTED] Mother - [REDACTED] Arresting Officer, [REDACTED] u

(13) [REDACTED] Florida, [REDACTED] male, age [REDACTED] student at Howard University, Washington, D. C., complexion black, hair black, eyes brown [REDACTED] lbs., Father - [REDACTED] Mother - [REDACTED] Arresting Officer, [REDACTED] u

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(14) [redacted]
Street, Champaign, Illinois, [redacted] male, age [redacted] student at
American Baptist Seminary, brown complexion, black hair, brown
eyes, [redacted] lbs.. Father - [redacted] Mother - [redacted]
Arresting Officer: [redacted] APPROX. [redacted]

(15) [redacted]
Nashville, Tennessee, [redacted] male, age [redacted] student at Fisk
University, Nashville, Tennessee, black complexion, black hair,
brown eyes, [redacted] lbs.. Father - [redacted] Mother - [redacted]
Arresting Officer: [redacted] U APPROX. [redacted]

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Date 5/26/61

JACK TRAVIS, City Prosecuting Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi, furnished the following affidavit, which he stated would be the affidavit under which legal proceedings would take place: (u)

"GENERAL AFFIDAVIT"

"State of Mississippi
"County of Hinds

"This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned, JAMES L. SPENCER, a Police Justice of the City of Jackson and ex-officio Justice of the Peace of said city (Name of Arresting Officer), who, being by me duly sworn, makes affidavit that (Name of Individual Arrested), on or about May 24, 1961, in the corporate limits of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, with intent to provoke a breach of peace, did then and there wilfully and unlawfully congregate with others inside the building occupied by Trailways Bus Company, 201 East Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi, a place of business engaged in serving members of the public, and did then and there fail or refuse to disperse and move on when ordered to do so by affiant, a law enforcement officer of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, contrary to the laws and ordinances in such cases made and provided and against the people and dignity of the State of

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by SA [redacted] eah/dfs Date dictated 5/26/61

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"Mississippi. (u)

"Sworn to and subscribed before me this

"24th day of May 1961" (u)

He advised the affidavits were identical as to each defendant. (u)

TRAVIS advised that this affidavit was filed under Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code. He stated the affidavits would not become actual official legal documents until signed by Municipal Judge JAMES L. SPENCER. He stated that Captain [redacted] of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, would be the affiant on each affidavit. (u)

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The following is the content of Mississippi Code Section 2087.5: (u)

"Disorderly conduct--may constitute felony, when. (u)

"1. Whoever with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, or under circumstances such that a breach of the peace may be occasioned thereby: (u)

"(1) crowds or congregates with others in or upon shore protecting structure or structures, or a public street or public highway, or upon a public sidewalk, or any other public place, or in any hotel, motel, store, restaurant, lunch counter, cafeteria, sandwich shop, motion picture theatre, drive-in, beauty parlor, swimming pool area, or any sports or recreational area or place, or any other place of business engaged in selling or serving members of the public, or in or around any free entrance to any such place of business or public building, or to any building owned by another individual, or a corporation, or a partnership or an association, and who fails or refuses to disperse and move on, or disperse or move on, when ordered so to do by any law enforcement officer of any municipality, or county, in which such act or acts are committed, or by any law enforcement officer of the State of Mississippi, or any other authorized person, or

"(2) insults or makes rude or obscene remarks or gestures, or uses profane language, or physical acts, or indecent proposals to or toward another or others, or disturbs or obstructs or interferes with another or others, or

"(3) while in or on any public bus, taxicab, or other vehicle engaged in transporting members of the public for a fare or charge, causes a disturbance or does or says, respectively, any of the matters or things mentioned in subsection (2) supra, to, toward, or in the presence of any other passenger on said vehicle, or any person outside of said vehicle or in the process of boarding or departing from said vehicle, or any employee engaged in and about the operation of such vehicle, or

"(4) refusing to leave the premises of another when requested so to do by any owner, lessee, or any employee thereof,

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"shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, which is made a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than four (4) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and if any person shall be guilty of disorderly conduct as defined herein and such conduct shall lead to a breach of the peace or incite a riot in any of the places herein named, and as a result of said breach of the peace or riot another person or persons shall be maimed, killed or injured, then the person guilty of such disorderly conduct as defined herein shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction such person shall be imprisoned in the Penitentiary not longer than ten (10) years. (u)

"2. The provisions of this act are supplementary to the provisions of any other statute of this state. (u)

"3. If any paragraph, sentence, or clause of this act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect any other part, portion or provision of this act, but such other part shall remain in full force and effect." (u)

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From a point where it was possible to observe and hear proceedings, the following details concerning the trial of 27 "Freedom Riders" were determined. The trial was held beginning at 4:00 PM on May 26, 1961, in the Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi. (u)

The trial judge was Judge JAMES E. SPENCER, the prosecuting attorneys were JACK TRAVIS, City Prosecuting Attorney, and ROBERT NICHOLS, Assistant City Prosecuting Attorney. The defendants were represented by the following attorneys: JACK YOUNG, Jackson, Mississippi; JESS BROWN, Vicksburg, Mississippi; WILEY BRANTON, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and CHARLES R. OLDHAM, St. Louis, Missouri. (u)

The courtroom contained approximately 65 newsmen occupying what is normally the white section of the courtroom, on the west side of the courtroom, whereas the Negro spectators were seated on the left side of the courtroom facing the Judge. There were approximately 15 Negro spectators in attendance with the remaining seats in the Negro section being occupied by the defendants, there not being sufficient space in the area normally occupied by the defendants. (u)

Captain J. L. RAY, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, was the first witness. Captain RAY testified that he and the men under his control ordered the defendants to move on twice and when they did not move, they were arrested. RAY was asked by Defense Attorney JACK YOUNG "Where do you want them to go," to which RAY replied "out." RAY was the only witness for the prosecution. (u)

City Prosecuting Attorney JACK TRAVIS advised that proceedings in this case were under Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code. (u)

JAMES M. LAWSON, JR., was the first witness for the defense. He stated he was a Methodist minister from Nashville, Tennessee. He stated he bought a ticket from Montgomery, Alabama,

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to Jackson, Mississippi, and at the time he boarded the bus, he thought that it would make scheduled stops. He advised that the bus was apparently in charge of the National Guard in Alabama and that at the Alabama-Mississippi state line, the National Guard and Highway Patrol, which were around the bus, were changed. He advised the bus made no rest stops from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi. LAWSON advised that he reportedly requested rest stops of the bus driver. (u)

LAWSON stated that there was an out-of-order sign hanging at the colored waiting room and he went into the white waiting room. He stated that an officer told him to move on, but did not specify as to where he should go. LAWSON advised he went into the white men's rest room and again was told to move on. (u)

LAWSON admitted that he did not move on, stating "it would have been rather embarrassing to move at that time." LAWSON stated that he was actually placed under arrest in the rest room. He testified he was taken from the rest room to the paddy wagon. (u)

On cross-examination by City Prosecuting Attorney JACK TRAVIS, LAWSON admitted that he had been convicted of violation of the Selective Service Laws, stating that he could not, as a minister, participate and received a sentence of three years. LAWSON, on cross-examination, stated that money for the trip to Jackson, Mississippi, was supplied by the National Non-Violence Movement, the Headquarters for which are located in Nashville, Tennessee. (u)

LAWSON testified that as a christian and a minister, he felt that a sad state of affairs had arisen when a person could not travel without the necessity of calling out the National Guard. He stated he was trying to make certain the country was democratic as to all persons. He advised the reason he made the trip to Jackson was a "private call from God" and that he had endeavored to anticipate all possibilities and alternatives and realized that arrest on arrival in Jackson, Mississippi, was one of the possibilities in his travels. (u)

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C. T. VIVIAN was the next witness and testified he is a Baptist minister from Chattanooga, Tennessee. He advised he was on the first bus to arrive in Jackson, Mississippi, and said that on the trip from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, he had asked the Colonel, whose name he believed was MONTGOMERY, who was in charge of the bus, to make a rest stop. He stated that the Colonel would not allow the bus to stop. VIVIAN stated he repeated the request and the Colonel in charge of the bus told him to go to the back of the bus that there were windows there and VIVIAN testified that there were no rest rooms in the back of the bus. (u)

VIVIAN testified that on arrival in Jackson, Mississippi, he was one of the last to get off. He stated he observed an "out of order" sign on the colored waiting room and followed other passengers who got off the bus to the white waiting room. He testified he went through to the rest room and when he started out of the rest room, two officers stopped him. He stated he saw his companions being placed under arrest and went up to one of the officers and told him that he was with the same group and said "I am with the group, if you arrest them why do you not arrest me?" VIVIAN testified that the officer "shame facedly" asked him his name and placed him under arrest. VIVIAN testified he was never ordered to move on by a police officer. (u)

VIVIAN testified he was a member of the National Non-Violence Movement and denied that he was a member of CORE. (u)

VIVIAN testified that the purpose of the trip was to test to determine whether or not the laws of the United States and the rulings of the ICC were being followed. He stated he testified he felt citizens should be able to travel freely where ever they so desired. (u)

JAMES L. FARMER was the next witness and testified he resides in New York City and is the National Director of CORE, which position is a paid position. He testified he arrived in Jackson, Mississippi, on the second bus, having left Montgomery, Alabama, about 11:30 AM on May 24, 1961, and arrived in Jackson,

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Mississippi, at approximately 4:45 PM. He testified there was no rest room on the bus. FARMER stated that the first rest stop made on the trip from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, was over some five to ten minutes duration after crossing the Alabama-Mississippi line and inside Mississippi. He stated the stop was made at a tavern on the road side which he did not believe was a regularly scheduled bus stop. He stated that judging from the signs on the outside of the tavern, he felt that beer was sold in this tavern but no food was available. (u)

FARMER testified that troopers were changed on the bus and the bus was in the command of the National Guard. He stated that there were no other passengers on the bus other than other defendants, with the exception of members of the National Guard and some reporters. (u)

FARMER testified that on arrival in Jackson, Mississippi, he left the bus and observed numerous news-paper reporters, photographers, and police officers who were lining the passage way. FARMER stated he went to the white waiting room and went to the men's rest room. He stated that when he got to the rest room, he was about eight or ten feet behind a group of three other companions. He stated that he heard a police officer ask one of the group in front of him who the spokesman for the group was. FARMER stated he heard the police officer tell them that they would have to leave. FARMER stated no answer was given the police officer. He stated the officer took their names and asked him if he was with them. He stated he told him he was and was told to follow and was taken to a "paddy wagon" in front of the bus station and taken to jail. (u)

FARMER testified he saw no disturbance, violence or evidence of unrest. He testified that he received no threats and had been treated "very well." (u)

In reply to a question as to the purpose of his trip, he stated it was because of his belief in America and the laws of the Supreme Court. FARMER testified he wanted to find out what Negroes traveling could expect to encounter. He testified he wanted to see to what extent there was compliance with ICC

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rules and the decisions of the Supreme Court. (u)

FARMER testified he was formerly Program Director for the NAACP in 1959-60. (u)

After a fifteen-minute recess Judge JAMES L. SPENCER advised that each side would be allotted fifteen minutes for arguments. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney NICHOLS spoke first and said that the prosecution was relying upon Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code, which he read almost intoto. He stated that three elements must be present under the law to constitute a violation under the affidavit by which defendants were charged. These were (1) there must be a crowd which must consist of more than one person (2) it must take place in a public place, and (3) there must be a failure to obey an order of a police officer combined with the intention to breach the peace. (u)

Attorney JACK YOUNG then commenced his argument and based his argument on the proposition of entrapment. He stated that the arrest was a preconceived idea from the time defendants left Montgomery; that the plan for their arrest actually was initiated prior to the time that they left Montgomery and continued up until their arrest in Jackson, Mississippi. He stated that the defendants were actually under arrest on the bus because the bus was under the control of the National Guard. (u)

YOUNG argued that no overt action had been committed and suggested that the statutes under which proceedings were taking place were unconstitutional. (u)

WILEY BRANTON, Attorney, also argued this case and based his arguments on the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States. (u)

City Attorney JACK TRAVIS closed for the prosecution and in termination of his comments asked the Judge to sentence each of the defendants to a fine of \$200.00 and sixty days in jail with the jail sentence to be suspended. (u)

At the conclusion of the arguments by the Counsel Judge

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SPENCER addressed the defendants and the courtroom. SPENCER advised that insofar as the statute under which the proceedings were taking place, he felt that the statute is constitutional and is a valid exercise of police power. He pointed out that all states have similar statutes relating to or designed to handle breaches of the peace. He stated that the question before the court was as to whether or not the law was properly applied and as to whether or not the use of this statute is constitutional. (u)

Judge SPENCER stated that he would take judicial notice of what had occurred in a sister state. He stated "We are not here today trying any segregation laws and not trying to determine the rights of the defendants to ride a bus or where they are to sit or whether they can eat where ever they want too." (u)

Judge SPENCER stated that if the defendants desire to challenge the laws of Mississippi, they have certain legal procedures to undertake in this regard. He stated that if any persons wish to challenge the laws and customs of the state, they have a proper, orderly and legal procedure in the courts of this country for doing so. He continued that the defendants choose to take the law into their own hands. He stated the defendants were open and flagrant in their defiance of the laws and their announced intentions were to violate the law and for the purpose of inflaming the populous. He stated the defendants had made exciting and inflammatory press releases and that their purpose in traveling was to inflame. (u)

SPENCER stated "even the Attorney General of the United States was so convinced their action would lead to violence that he sent 700 Federal officers to follow in the wake and trail of their travels." SPENCER stated that he was not going to let any judicial decisions be made in this manner. He stated it seemed that the defendants were attempting to inflame the people to let them fight it out among themselves. (u)

SPENCER stated that no state allows judicial decisions to be solved by violence. He stated that their conduct has

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already led to violence which was their announced purpose. He stated that accordingly he found the defendants guilty of the charge and sentenced each of them the \$200.00 and sixty days in jail with the service of the jail sentence to be suspended.

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Uniformed Jackson Police officers were on duty in the vicinity of the Jackson Municipal Court Building during the above trial. No crowd gathered outside the building and there were no incidents. (4)

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[redacted] address, [redacted]
[redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, was interviewed
at his office. He stated he represented the Freedom Riders. (u)

He advised that Freedom Bus Riders [redacted]
[redacted]

all with the addresses of New Orleans, Louisiana,
had indicated they desired to make bond. He stated
he did not have the home addresses in New Orleans,
but that the records of the Jackson Police Department
would have this information. He advised that if
these individuals made bond it was his plan to take
them from the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi,
about 11:50 PM, May 27, 1961, and take them directly
to the Municipal Airport, where they would board
the Delta Airlines flight to New Orleans at 12:33 AM,
May 28, 1961. (u)

He advised that another one of the Freedom
Riders, [redacted] desired to make bond and
that she is a student [redacted]
Nashville, Tennessee. He said it is planned, in the
event she makes bond, to take her directly from the
Hinds County Jail on May 27, 1961, in time to catch
the Delta Airlines flight leaving for Nashville,
Tennessee, at 4:26 PM, May 27, 1961. He said that
reservations had already been made for [redacted]
[redacted] in the name of [redacted] at Delta
Airlines. (u)

He advised that another one of the Freedom
Riders, [redacted] who resides in New York
City [redacted]
had indicated he may desire to make bond on Monday,
May 29, 1961. He advised that [redacted] had
called and was very anxious to get [redacted] out of
jail. He advised that nothing definite would be
known regarding [redacted] being released on bond
until sometime Monday. (u)

He advised that in regard to these individuals

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making bond be referred to the possibility of their making each bond. He stated that he had [redacted] and conferred with County Attorney JACK TRAVIS, Hinds County, Mississippi, and with the Attorney General of Mississippi, JOE PATTERSON, today, May 27, 1961, and that Mr. PATTERSON had said Mississippi law clearly states that each bond for these individuals were not acceptable but, in this instance, he, PATTERSON, would try to work out something with the Sheriff of Hinds County in order that they would be allowed to make each bond. Further, Mr. TRAVIS had advised the each bond would be accepted if something could be worked out provided that the Freedom Riders would pledge themselves not to violate any of the local laws until their case could be adjudicated on appeal. By this, he meant that the Freedom Riders could not violate any of the existing segregation laws. (u)

He advised that the plan was for the Sheriff of Hinds County to contact the Attorney General when this matter would be discussed with the Sheriff by [redacted] at which time the final arrangements could be made for them to make bond. (u)

He advised the money for the each bond would be provided by CORE of New York and that the money would be sent to Jackson by Western Union. (u)

He advised also that ~~WESLEY LIVERS~~, Field Secretary, NAACP of Mississippi, had stated the NAACP could put up the money for the each bond for these five individuals if it were needed. (u)

He advised that it was felt by the attorneys for the Freedom Riders here that if any other Freedom Riders came to Jackson by way of bus that they would have to stay in jail because the cost of making bond for them would be prohibitive for CORE. (u)

He advised that in all probability when some of the Freedom Riders were released on bond that others would like to also be released, but it would be up to them to make their decision known to their attorneys. (u)

He said that [redacted] referred to above, is [redacted] of St. Louis, Missouri, who is [redacted]

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[redacted] address,
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[redacted] St. Louis, Mo., was interviewed in the office
[redacted]
Jackson, Mississippi. (u)

He advised that Freedom Bus Riders [redacted] all
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they desired to make bond. He stated he did not have the
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may desire to make bond on Monday, May 29, 1961. He advised
that [redacted] had called and was very anxious to
get [redacted] out of jail. He advised that nothing definite
would be known regarding [redacted] being released on bond
until sometime Monday. (u)

He advised that in regard to these individuals
making bond he referred to the possibility of their making
cash bond. He stated that [redacted] had conferred (u)

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with County Attorney JACK TRAVIS, Hinds County, Mississippi, and with the Attorney General of Mississippi, JOE PATTERSON, today, May 27, 1961, and that Mr. PATTERSON had said Mississippi law clearly states that cash bonds for these individuals were not acceptable but, in this instance, he, PATTERSON, would try to work out something with the Sheriff of Hinds County in order that they would be allowed to make cash bond. Further, Mr. TRAVIS had advised the cash bonds would be accepted if something could be worked out provided that the Freedom Riders would pledge themselves not to violate any of the local laws until their case could be adjudicated on appeal. By this, he meant that the Freedom Riders would not violate any of the existing segregation laws. (u)

He advised that the plan was for the Sheriff of Hinds County to contact the Attorney General when this matter would be discussed with the Sheriff by [redacted] at which time the final arrangements would be made for them to make bond. (u)

He advised the money for the cash bond would be provided by CORE of New York and that the money would be sent to Jackson by Western Union. (u)

He advised also that MEDGAR EVERS, Field Secretary, NAACP of Mississippi, had stated the NAACP could put up the money for the cash bonds for these five individuals if it were needed. (u)

He advised that it was felt by the attorneys for the Freedom Riders here that if any other Freedom Riders came to Jackson by way of bus that they would have to stay in jail because the cost of making bond for them would be prohibitive for CORE. (u)

He advised that in all probability when some of the Freedom Riders were released on bond that others would like to also be released, but it would be up to them to make their desires known to their attorneys. (u)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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J. R. "BOB" GILFOY, Sheriff, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the Freedom Riders presently in custody at the City Jail, Jackson, will be transferred to the County Jail after trial at 4:00 p.m., May 26, 1961. (u)

He stated that present plans include this transfer if the Riders fail to make bond or be released in any other manner. (u)

He had made arrangements for the entire area of the fourth floor of the County Jail to be cleared for the Riders. Plans further include that the Riders will not be placed in cells with any other prisoners. They will be placed in segregated cells. (u)

Transfer will take place from the City Jail to the County Jail in a Police paddy wagon. (u)

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"is willing to serve as surety on his bond and that the defendant should be allowed to post a Cash Appeal Bond. (u)

"It is, therefore, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the defendant, (name of defendant), be and he is hereby authorized to post a Cash Appeal Bond of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars and that the Sheriff of Hinds County be and he is hereby authorized to accept the same. (u)

"ORDERED AND ADJUDGED on this 30th day of May, 1961. (u)

"/s/ JAMES SPENCER
"Municipal Judge & Ex-Officio
"Justice of the Peace

"Approved and agreed to:

"/s/ J. A. TRAVIS, JR.
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"/s/ [REDACTED]
Of counsel for Defendant."

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Mr. J. R. GILFOY, Sheriff, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically contacted the Jackson Resident Agency. He said the "Freedom Riders" who were in jail were "raising hell." He said he meant by this that they were chanting and being very noisy. As an example, he said they were "counting off," meaning they would count 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., and would not cease making noise when instructed to do so by the jailer. (u)

GILFOY said that about 9:00 AM, May 27, 1961, he ordered four of the Freedom Riders, including the "leader," whose name he does not know, to be placed together in a solitary confinement cell, which the Sheriff referred to as a "hot box." He said he released them from the solitary confinement cell in about ten minutes. He said when released they told him he would have to put them back in solitary as they were not going to behave themselves. (u)

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Reporting Office NEW ORLEANS	Office of Origin NEW ORLEANS	Date 5/31/61	Investigative Period 5/28 - 31/61
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Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961
Trailways Bus #5141 from Montgomery, Alabama
to Jackson, Mississippi, 7:00 AM to 1:15 PM, May 28, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Instant bus departed Montgomery, Ala., 7:22 AM, arrived Meridian, Miss., 11:24 AM, 5/28/61. Bus escorted by MHP cars and PD cars into Meridian, Miss. Meridian PD cleared area of bus station and no incidents occurred Meridian. Bus proceeded directly to Jackson, Miss., arriving 1:31 PM, and on disembarking each of five Negro males, one Negro female and two white males placed under arrest when entered white waiting room at bus station. Arrests made without incident or resistance. Jackson PD states two white males arrested with Negroes as they banded together. All charged "Breach of Peace." Tried in City Court, 5/29/61. All found guilty and sentenced to 60 days suspended and fined \$200. All refused to pay fine and confined City Jail. All transferred Hinds County SO Jail 5/30/61. [REDACTED] of Freedom Riders, advised PD they are not members of CORE but are members of Student Non-Violence Committee, associated with National Action Committee, Atlanta, Ga.

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TRAVEL STATE LINE TO JACKSON

DETAILS:

Investigation is predicated on telephonic information furnished to Jackson, Mississippi, Resident Agency on May 28, 1961, from Montgomery, Alabama, advising that information had been received that the following Freedom Riders would depart Montgomery, Alabama, by Trailways Bus at 7:00 AM, that date, en route Jackson, Mississippi:

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White:

[Redacted]

Negroes:

[Redacted]

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All are between the ages of about 19-21.

On receipt of the above information, the Jackson Police Department; the Mississippi Highway Patrol at Jackson, as well as the Police Departments at Meridian, Forest and Morton, Mississippi, were advised of the above information.

Later, SA [Redacted] advised telephonically that Trailways Bus #5141 left Montgomery at 7:22 AM, escorted by one Alabama Highway Patrol car with two National Guard men in the rear seat. Their plan was to escort the bus to the Alabama-Mississippi Line and plans of the bus driver were to drive straight through to Jackson, Mississippi.

AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

On May 28, 1961, SA [Redacted] at Meridian, advised that Trailways Bus #5141 arrived at the terminal in Meridian at 11:24 AM, the bus being escorted by two Mississippi Highway Patrol cars, the escort being under the control of Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commander of the Mississippi Highway Patrol. The bus was also escorted by two Police Department cars in and out of the city. The area surrounding the bus station was cleared for a two-block area and this area was patrolled by thirty

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uniformed policemen, who would not allow anyone to enter this area. When the bus stopped at the station in Meridian, no Freedom Riders got off or attempted to get off the bus and only two local passengers disembarked. There was no crowd and no incidents occurred at the bus station. The bus departed at 11:38 AM from the station escorted by the two Mississippi Highway Patrol and two Police Department cars.

ARRIVAL JACKSON AND ARRESTS

Date 5/29/61

At 1:00 PM, May 28, 1961, I entered the white waiting room of the Trailways Bus Depot on East Pascagoula Street in Jackson, Mississippi. En route to the depot and while crossing East Pascagoula Street at South Lamar Street, I observed Captain [redacted] and another uniformed officer of the Jackson Police Department directing traffic at this intersection, which is directly in front of the depot.

In front of the entrance to the depot were four uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department and two uniformed Deputy Sheriffs of the Hinds County Sheriff's Office in Jackson. The patrol wagon of the Jackson Police Department was parked in the driveway in front of the depot where passengers enter and leave automobiles and cabs. I observed four marked police cars of the Jackson Police Department on the outside of the station. Upon entering the depot, I noted many individuals who appeared to be photographers and newsmen and also noted that a number of other individuals on the rear platform of the depot where the buses unload and take on passengers who also appeared to be newsmen.

At 1:15 PM, I observed Captain [redacted] of the Jackson Police Department in the depot, and also noted Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE. Detective Captain [redacted] and Detective Captain [redacted] were inside the white waiting room. I also observed two detectives of the Jackson Police Department in the white waiting room as well as on the platform on the rear of the depot. Observations during this period included noting that two uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department were stationed in the colored waiting room of the depot. During this time which was prior to the arrival of Trailways Bus 5141 from Montgomery, Alabama, DAVE GAYDEN, Chief of Patrol, Mississippi Highway Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, was in front of the depot as was [redacted] Assistant Director, Identification Bureau, Mississippi Highway Patrol. Inside the depot, I noticed [redacted] Investigator, Auto Theft Bureau, Mississippi Highway Patrol.

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There were no signs restricting the movement of anyone or designed to restrict or direct any movement on the doors of the depot. An entrance door in both the white and colored waiting rooms at the rear of the waiting rooms did not operate, but no sign was on it. On the platform at the rear of the depot, I noted reporters [redacted] of the Memphis Commercial Appeal, and [redacted] of the New Orleans Times-Picayune, along with [redacted] photographer for the Jackson Daily News, and [redacted] reporter for the Jackson Daily News, Jackson, Mississippi.

At 1:31 PM, Trailways Bus 5141 pulled into the loading platform at the rear of the depot and the passengers got off. A group of passengers, including a group of Negro males and one Negro female, together with several white people walked toward and entered the white waiting room after passing the colored waiting room. One of the Negro males started toward the restaurant of the white waiting room trailed by a group of other Negroes. This person was approached by Captain [redacted] and Captain [redacted] announced to the group that they would have to move on out, repeating this statement three times. The Negro male in the lead and the others in the group ignored Captain [redacted] orders and Captain [redacted] announced that they were under arrest. This occurred at 1:35 PM. All persons in this group arrested were moved to the patrol wagon of the Jackson Police Department, placed inside, and at 1:39 PM the wagon departed the depot heading in the direction of the Jackson City Jail. Five Negro males, one Negro female and two white males were loaded in the wagon. At the time of the arrests inside the white waiting room, there were about 15 other persons who appeared to be travelers.

City Attorney JACK TRAVIS was observed in the white waiting room during this time and Sheriff J. R. GILFOY, Hinds County, and [redacted] Hinds County Deputy and Constable, Jackson, Mississippi, were with Sheriff GILFOY.

The arrests were made without incident and only one of the arrested individuals was observed to be "frisked" by officers.

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During the observations inside the depot during this time, Assistant Chief PIERCE was heard to inform a newspaperman that no extra men had been called out for this occasion. No police dogs were observed in the area.

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The following observations were made by the below named Special Agent at the Trailways Bus Station, White Waiting Room, Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on May 28, 1961:

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At approximately 1:33 PM, above date, a Negro woman and a Negro man entered the white waiting room followed by Captain [] of the Jackson Police Department. Three additional Negroes followed. All used the far southeast door of the waiting room. A white woman and a white man then entered the waiting room. They formed a group in the approximate center of the waiting room, opposite the ticket counters.

This group was questioned by Captain [] of the Jackson Police Department, briefly, who ordered the group in a clear voice to move on. This group moved slowly in a direction toward the restaurant in the waiting room. The white woman was not observed in the group at that time. The group was stopped near the entrance of the restaurant by two uniformed policemen. At that time, the group was placed under arrest and was told by Captain [] to move back.

At that time, it was estimated that 50 or 60 people had formed in the waiting room, composed of uniformed and plain-clothes police numbering about one dozen total, passengers, Freedom Riders and members of the press.

At that time, it was observed that one Negro, near the seats in the approximate center of the waiting room, was being frisked by a uniformed Jackson policeman. This Negro was then escorted from the waiting room to Pascagoula Street.

At that time, other Negroes were being escorted by police from the waiting room. At that time it was 1:34 PM. By 1:35 PM, all the Riders had left the Terminal Building.

No force or violence were observed. Police handcuffs were not used. Uniformed police were armed only with service revolvers and, although two policemen were observed with billy clubs, the clubs were attached to their belts, and not in their hands.

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The following observations were made at the Trailways Bus Depot, 201 East Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi:

At about 1:15 PM, it was noted that there were two uniformed Jackson policemen in front of the depot, as well as the Jackson Police Patrol Wagon and its driver. There were also three uniformed policemen across the street and two in each direction east and west of the depot about 100 yards in either direction. There were no police dogs in evidence anywhere in the vicinity. Trailways Bus #5141 arrived at the depot at 1:31 PM. At 1:34 PM, the first persons arrested came out of the front of the depot. It appeared that there were three white males and three Negro males and one Negro female arrested, for a total of seven persons arrested. The police patrol wagon left the depot at 1:39 PM. At 1:43 PM, the entire area around the depot was clear of photographers and newsmen, but a few plain-clothes policemen were still on the scene.

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Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised the following individuals were arrested by Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department, at the Continental Trailways Bus Station, Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on May 28, 1961, at 1:45 PM, for Breach of the Peace under Mississippi Code, Section 2087.5, by refusing to obey an officer, following which they were immediately brought to the Jackson Police Station where they were booked on this charge and confined to the Jackson City Jail:

[redacted] age [redacted] born [redacted]

[redacted] Fort Wayne, Indiana, [redacted]
Cincinnati, Ohio, a student at Central State College,
Wilburforce, Ohio [redacted] lbs., fair complexion,
blond hair, blue eyes, Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted]

[redacted] age [redacted] born [redacted]

[redacted] Noblesville, Indiana, [redacted]
Noblesville, Indiana, a student at Central State College,
Wilburforce, Ohio [redacted] lbs., fair complexion,
brown hair, grey eyes, [redacted]
Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted]

[redacted] age [redacted] born [redacted]

born [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, [redacted]
[redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, a student at Tennessee
A & I College, [redacted] lbs., black complexion, black
hair, brown eyes, Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted]

[redacted] age [redacted] born [redacted]

Atlanta, Ga., [redacted] Atlanta 14, Georgia,
[redacted] lbs., brown complexion, black hair, brown
eyes, [redacted] Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted]

[redacted] age [redacted] born [redacted]

Montclair, N. J., [redacted] Washington, D. C., a student
at Howard University [redacted] lbs., tan complexion, brown
hair, brown eyes, Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted]

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[redacted] age [redacted] born [redacted]
Hillsboro, Texas, [redacted] Fort Worth, Texas,
[redacted] at Clarkston, Ga. [redacted] lbs.,
brown complexion, black hair, black eyes, Mother - [redacted]
Father - [redacted]

[redacted] born [redacted]
Annapolis, Md., [redacted] Washington,
D. C., unemployed [redacted] lbs., brown complexion,
black hair, brown eyes, Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted]

[redacted] age [redacted] born [redacted]
[redacted] Olustee, Fla., [redacted] Orlando,
Fla., a student at Tennessee A & I, [redacted] lbs.,
black complexion, black hair, brown eyes, [redacted]
Mother - [redacted] Father - [redacted]

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Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised that following the arrest of the eight Freedom Riders at 1:45 PM, on May 28, 1961, at the Continental Trailways Bus Station, these individuals were asked if they had eaten lunch. He said that they informed they had not eaten since having breakfast at Montgomery, Alabama, on the morning of May 28, 1961. Mr. PIERCE advised that in view of this he instructed the cook at the Jackson City Jail to prepare lunch for these individuals immediately upon their arrival at the jail, although the lunch period had ended prior to the arrest of these individuals.

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Mr. PIERCE advised these eight individuals were asked if they desired to make any local or long distance telephone calls following their arrest and [redacted] stated that she desired to place a call to Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. PIERCE advised [redacted] was permitted to make her call to Nashville before she was booked at the Jackson City Jail and further advised when asked if she desired to telephone a lawyer she replied that she did not desire to call anyone at Jackson as "Nashville would take care of everything."

Mr. PIERCE advised [redacted] informed him that one unidentified Negro male, whose name she does not know, but who was supposedly a part of the group of Freedom Riders, voluntarily left the Trailways Bus containing the above eight individuals at an unrecalled small town after the bus left Montgomery but before the bus arrived at the Mississippi Line without giving any explanation for this action. She advised he left the bus alone, according to Mr. PIERCE.

Mr. PIERCE stated [redacted] told him [redacted] of this group of riders and that they were not members of CORE but were members of the Student Non-Violence Committee, Nashville, Tennessee, which she said is associated with the National Action Committee, Atlanta, Ga.

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Chief PIERCE advised that one male, Negro, who was later identified as being [redacted] of New York, N. Y., was observed to depart from the above bus at Jackson, Mississippi, and to walk immediately into the Negro waiting room of the Continental Trailways Station where he purchased a bus ticket to New York, N. Y. Mr. PIERCE advised [redacted] was not arrested or questioned by officers of the Jackson Police Department since he did not break any laws at Jackson. 210

Chief PIERCE advised the trial of the above individuals and the group of Freedom Riders who preceded this group into Jackson on May 28, 1961, will be held at 3:00 PM, May 29, 1961.

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Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised that with reference to the incident of the search of one of the Freedom Riders on their arrest at the bus station, this was done by a young rookie officer, who apparently had misunderstood previous orders not to frisk these prisoners at the bus station.

Chief PIERCE also advised that the trial was scheduled to be held on May 29, 1961, in order to accommodate out-of-town reporters and he noted that no court could be held on May 28, 1961, inasmuch as this was a Sunday.

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Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised the following individuals were tried in the Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, before Municipal Judge JAMES L. SPENCER, on May 29, 1961, on a charge of Breach of the Peace, in connection with their arrest at Jackson on May 28, 1961, and were convicted and each was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200.00 and to serve 60 days; however, the 60 days were suspended in each instance:

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MARY J. SMITH
CATHERINE BURKS
CLARENCE H. WRIGHT
WILLIAM H. HARBOUR
ETTA SIMPSON
FREDERICK LEONARD
LESLIE G. KINNIE
FRANCES L. WILSON
WILLIAM B. MITCHELL, JR.
CHARLES DAVIS MYERS
DAVID B. FANKHAUSER
PAULINE EDYTHE KNIGHT
WILLIAM CARL MAHONEY
LARRY FRED HUNTER
ALBERT LEE DUNN
FRANKLIN W. HUNT
ALLEN (NMI) CASON, JR.

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Mr. PIERCE advised the above seventeen individuals were represented by Attorney JACK YOUNG, of Jackson, Mississippi, and the case was prosecuted by Jackson City Attorney JACK TRAVIS and Assistant Jackson City Attorney ROBERT G. NICHOLS. He advised the above individuals all entered pleas of not guilty.

Mr. PIERCE advised the trial began at 3:00 PM and ended 3:17 PM. He advised both the prosecution and the defense waived any argument and further advised Judge SPENCER did not deliver an opinion but referred instead to his opinion rendered on May 26, 1961, following the trial of a preceding group of Freedom Riders.

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Mr. PIERCE advised the only witness for the prosecution was Captain J. L. RAY, Jackson Police Department, who testified to the circumstances surrounding the arrest of these individuals at Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. PIERCE advised the defense did not call any witness. He advised that following their conviction Attorney JACK YOUNG told members of the press that defendants were not going to appeal their conviction at the present time and were not going to pay their fines at this time. He advised the defendants were returned to the Jackson City Jail following the trial and will be transferred to the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi, May 30, 1961.

Mr. PIERCE advised no one was barred from the courtroom during the above trial; however, he noted that his department had previously notified the public through the local press that reporters would have a priority in gaining admission to the trial. He advised he would estimate that there were approximately twelve to fifteen reporters, including two Negro reporters, present during the above trial together with five or six white spectators, and ten to twelve Negro spectators. He advised he observed MEDGAR EVERS, Field Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Jackson, Mississippi, present in the courtroom during this trial. Mr. PIERCE advised there were several vacant seats in the courtroom and he would estimate that altogether there were about three vacant rows of seats in the courtroom.

Mr. PIERCE advised that Lieutenant RAY testified that he had arrested these individuals because they had refused to move on when ordered to do so. Mr. PIERCE said JACK YOUNG asked RAY, while RAY was testifying on cross-examination, if he (RAY) had arrested these individuals because they were Negroes in a white waiting room and Lt. RAY had replied that he would have arrested them in the Negro rest room if he had ordered them to move on and they had refused this order.

Mr. PIERCE could furnish no further information regarding the above trial.

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The following is the content of Mississippi Code Section 2087.5:

"Disorderly conduct--may constitute felony, when.

"1. Whoever with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, or under circumstances such that a breach of the peace may be occasioned thereby:

"(1) crowds or congregates with others in or upon shore protecting structure or structures, or a public street or public highway, or upon a public sidewalk, or any other public place, or in any hotel, motel, store, restaurant, lunch counter, cafeteria, sandwich shop, motion picture theatre, drive-in, beauty parlor, swimming pool area, or any sports or recreational area or place, or any other place of business engaged in selling or serving members of the public, or in or around any free entrance to any such place of business or public building, or to any building owned by another individual, or a corporation, or a partnership or an association, and who fails or refuses to disperse and move on, or disperse or move on, when ordered so to do by any law enforcement officer of any municipality, or county, in which such act or acts are committed, or by any law enforcement officer of the State of Mississippi, or any other authorized person, or

"(2) insults or makes rude or obscene remarks or gestures, or uses profane language, or physical acts, or indecent proposals to or toward another or others, or disturbs or obstructs or interferes with another or others, or

"(3) while in or on any public bus, taxicab, or other vehicle engaged in transporting members of the public for a fare or charge, causes a disturbance or does or says, respectively, any of the matters or things mentioned in subsection (2) supra, to, toward, or in the presence of any other passenger on said vehicle, or any person outside of said vehicle or in the process of boarding or departing from said vehicle, or any employee engaged in and about the operation of such vehicle, or

"(4) refusing to leave the premises of another when requested so to do by any owner, lessee, or any employee thereof,

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"shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, which is made a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than four (4) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and if any person shall be guilty of disorderly conduct as defined herein and such conduct shall lead to a breach of the peace or incite a riot in any of the places herein named, and as a result of said breach of the peace or riot another person or persons shall be maimed, killed or injured, then the person guilty of such disorderly conduct as defined herein shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction such person shall be imprisoned in the Penitentiary not longer than ten (10) years.

"2. The provisions of this act are supplementary to the provisions of any other statute of this state.

"3. If any paragraph, sentence, or clause of this act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect any other part, portion or provision of this act, but such other part shall remain in full force and effect."

During the trial on May 29, 1961, FBI Agents in the vicinity of City Court Building during the trial of these prisoners observed that there were 25-30 Jackson Police Officers on duty in front of the court building. Uniformed policemen were also spaced about every 50 feet along the street across from the building on three sides of the building. It was observed that traffic was allowed to continue in a normal fashion; that no crowds or even small groups formed in the area, and no incidents of any nature occurred during the period of this trial.

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Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised that this group of prisoners convicted on May 29, 1961, were transferred from the City Jail to the Hinds County Jail by walking them across the street with three detectives guarding them. He stated that no newspapermen, cameramen, or spectators were present during this transfer. He further advised that this group did not include the two white male prisoners, [redacted] inasmuch as Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY had requested they be held in the City Jail marked, "Hold for Sheriff," as the Sheriff has no space for white prisoners at present.

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FREEDOM RIDE, SIXTY ONE, ILLINOIS CENTRAL RR TRAIN, CITY OF NEW
ORLEANS, NEW ORLEANS, LA. TO JACKSON, MISS., JUNE EIGHT NEXT, RM, *RACIAL MATTER*
CR. [REDACTED] CORE, NEW ORLEANS, LA., ADVISED TODAY FOUR NEGRO

MALES, THREE WHITE FEMALES, AND ONE NEGRO FEMALE PRESNETLY IN NEW
ORLEANS AND WILL DEPART FOR JACKSON, MISS. VIA TRAIN SEVEN TEN AM,
JUNE EIGHT NEXT. PUBLIC FACILITIES AT RAILROAD STATIONS EN ROUTE
WILL NOT BE TESTED, BUT RAILROAD WHITE WAITING ROOM, JACKSON, WILL
BE TESTED. IF NOT JAILED, GROUP WILL RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS BY BUS
ABOVE GROUP MAY BE JOINED BY WHITE FEMALE, POSSIBLY ARRIVING NEW
ORLEANS FROM NYC NIGHT OF JUNE SEVEN. LOCAL AUTHORITIES NEW ORLEANS
AND JACKSON ADVISED AS WELL AS *LOUISIANA* LA. AND MISS. STATE POLICE.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157--299

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FREEBUS. ALL SIX FREEDOM RIDERS ARRESTED GREYHOUND TERMINAL,
JACKSON, MISS., FIVE TWENTY PM, JUNE TEN AND ALL SIX FREEDOM RIDERS
ARRESTED GREYHOUND TERMINAL, JACKSON, ONE ZERO FOUR PM, JUNE ELEVEN
TRIED THREE PM CST, JUNE TWELVE, JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT, FOR
VIOLATION SEC, TWO ZERO EIGHT SEVEN POINT FIVE, MISS. CODE. ALL
CONVICED AND SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS JAIL, TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS
FINE. NO SUSPENDED SENTENCES. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING TRIAL.
FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, CST, JUNE TWELVE - NO ARRESTS
AND NONE RELEASED ON BOND OR FINE SINCE JUNE ELEVEN SUMMARY.
TOTAL ARRESTED ONE HUNDRED TEN, OUT ON BOND TWENTYTWO, PAID FINE
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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC MEMPHIS

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264 2-P

FREEBUS. J. ROBERT GILFOY, SHERIFF HINDS COUNTY, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED TODAY HINDS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET JUNE TWELVE AND AUTHORIZED HIM TO TRANSFER FROM TIME TO TIME FREERIDERS PRESENTLY CONFINED HINDS COUNTY AND JACKSON CITY JAIL TO MISS. STATEPEN PARCHMAN, MISS. AS SHERIFF MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO RELIEVE CROWDED CONDITIONS OF JAILS. THIS INCLUDES FUTURE FREERIDER PRISONERS. TRANSFER TO BE UPON APPROVAL OF CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY. HINDS COUNTY AUTHORITIES WILL SUPERVISE FREERIDERS AT PARCHMAN. FREERIDERS SHALL BE HOUSED, CONFINED AND WORKED ACCORDING TO LAW. FOLLOWING FURNISHED CONFIDENTIALLY BY GILFOY AS HE DESIRES NO PUBLICITY. GILFOY GOING TO PARCHMAN JUNE THIRTEEN FOR FINAL PREPARATIONS. HE INTENDS TO LOAD UP ALL FREERIDERS THEN CONFINED COUNTY AND CITY JAIL AT DAY BREAK EITHER JUNE FOURTEEN OR JUNE FIFTEEN, PROBABLY JUNE FOURTEEN AND TRANSFER THEM TO PARCHMAN VIA HINDS COUNTY PRISON VANS. INITIALLY HE INTENDS TO HOUSE THEM IN MAXIMUM SECURITY SECTION AT PARCHMAN SEPARATED FROM REGULAR PRISONERS. PRESENT INTENTIONS ARE TO MOVE FREERIDERS TO

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RE: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

On June 5, 1961, [redacted] Virginia Union University student, Richmond, Virginia, advised he planned to leave Richmond, Virginia, via Trailways bus at 7:30 PM, EDT, June 5, 1961 with destination Atlanta, Georgia, and he expected to arrive at Atlanta at approximately 11 AM, Atlanta time, June 6, 1961.

[redacted] stated his plans were indefinite at Atlanta, Georgia, but that he would confer with [redacted] Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and eventually planned on going to Jackson, Mississippi.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] from Washington, D.C. [redacted] from New York City, and [redacted] planned on leaving Richmond, Virginia, about midnight, June 5, 1961, via Trailways bus for Nashville, Tennessee.

[redacted] informed that the destination of these four persons was eventually Jackson, Mississippi; however, their immediate plans at Nashville, Tennessee, were indefinite and approximate time of arrival at Jackson unknown.

[redacted] stated that there was no particular reason for the change of plans; namely, that the above named four individuals were going to Nashville, Tennessee, instead of Atlanta, Georgia.

[redacted] advised that he knew of no specific plans for [redacted] Virginia Union University, to proceed to Jackson, Mississippi; however, he stated if she went to Jackson, Mississippi, she would not go before June 8, 1961.

Richmond, VA

[redacted] was observed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to board a Trailways bus at Richmond, Virginia, at 7:30 PM, EDT, June 5, 1961, which bus was destined for Raleigh, North Carolina.

ENCLOSURE

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RE: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

[redacted] Trailways Bus Station, Richmond, Virginia, advised on June 5, 1961, that a bus ticket to Atlanta, Georgia, was sold to an individual identified as [redacted] and three tickets were sold to three other Negroes who accompanied [redacted] to Nashville, Tennessee.

[redacted] from Washington, D.C., and [redacted] were at the Trailways Bus Station with [redacted] at time of departure and they advised that they planned to leave Richmond, Virginia, via Trailways bus line with [redacted] from New York, New York, at 12:01 AM, June 6, 1961, and arrive at Nashville, Tennessee, on the evening of June 6, 1961. He stated they did not know how long they would be in Nashville, Tennessee, but planned on going to Jackson, Mississippi.

On June 5, 1961, at approximately midnight, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed [redacted] [redacted] previously identified as being from Washington, D.C., and [redacted] to be in the Trailways Bus Station and to board a Trailways bus with a destination of Raleigh written upon it. The bus was observed to depart Richmond at approximately 12:01 AM, EDT.

[redacted] Trailways Bus Station, Richmond, Virginia, advised on the early morning of June 6, 1961, that three Negroes, whose names were unknown to him but who were identified at the Trailways Bus Station to him by members of the Press as "Freedom Riders" left on the Trailways bus at 12:01 AM, EDT, and that each of the three Negroes had a ticket for Nashville, Tennessee. He stated that the tickets possessed by these three individuals would necessitate a change of bus at Raleigh and Salisbury, North Carolina, and Knoxville, Tennessee, enroute to Nashville, Tennessee.

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~100-225892~~)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (157-231)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum and copies for offices receiving copies of this communication.

The Special Agent who observed the activity on 6/5/61 and 6/6/61 was SA [redacted] Interview with [redacted] was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] Interview with [redacted] of WDC and [redacted] was conducted by SA [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 9, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

Information has been previously received that Governor Patterson of Alabama had instructed Floyd Mann, Director of Public Safety, that his department was to have no further working relationship with the FBI. Mann was also told that they were to furnish no information to the FBI and are to accept no information from the FBI.

With regard to these instructions on the part of Governor Patterson to Floyd Mann, it would appear that the Bureau should continue to make information available to the Alabama Highway Patrol in those instances where the Highway Patrol would have a definite interest, such as information concerning freedom riders entering the state and going to a particular city. By passing on this information the Bureau is in a position to show that we have fulfilled our responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

If this action is approved, the Mobile and Birmingham Offices will be instructed to make certain that any matters coming to the attention of the Bureau that are of interest to the Highway Patrol continue to be passed on and an appropriate record made of the action taken.

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 SAC Jenkins, Birmingham, advised 9:45 PM
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Mr. DeLoach	✓
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, SAC MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM SAC, MINNEAPOLIS /157-0/ 2P

RACIAL MATTERS. RE SAC LETTER SIX ONE DASH THIRTY DATED
JUNE TWO, LAST. MP TWO THREE FIVE NINE DASH PSI ON THIS
DATE ADVISED A GROUP OF QUOTE FREEDOM RIDERS UNQUOTE WILL
LEAVE MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA BY GREYHOUND BUS ON JUNE NINE,
NEXT FOR NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. THESE RIDERS WILL BE BRIEFED
IN NASHVILLE BY CORE RE PASSIVE RESISTANCE AND WILL THEN
PROCEED TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. GROUP CONSISTS OF COLLEGE
STUDENTS, FIVE POSSIBLY TWELVE IN NUMBER, IDENTIFIED AS

FOLLOWS.

FIRST FIVE LISTED APPARENTLY DEFINITELY

WILL DEPART MINNEAPOLIS AND LAST SEVEN ARE TENTATIVELY
SCHEDULED TO DEPART. FOR INFO BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES,
FORMER LYL SUBJECT, PRESENT MEMBER FAIR PLAY

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FOR CUBA AND SON OF MINNEAPOLIS SECURITY SUBJECT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATTENDS MEETINGS OF FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA. MINNEAPOLIS
INDICES NEGATIVE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA AND
CLOSELY ASSOCIATES WITH SWP. [REDACTED] ATTENDS FAIR
PLAY FOR CUBA MEETINGS. [REDACTED]

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA. NO SIGNIFICANT INFO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MINNEAPOLIS WILL ADVISE ANY FURTHER
DEVELOPMENTS.

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 Mr. Clark ✓
 Mr. Nelson ✓
 Mr. Jones ✓
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 Mr. Smith ✓
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MADE FOR ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION AT ~~A~~TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL, CHICAGO,
TWELVE NOON, JUNE TEN, NEXT. G ~~DASH~~ TWO AND SECURITY UNIT, CHICAGO
POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.

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AM COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS AND DETROIT.

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FROM: SAC, ALBANY (157-21)

RE: FREEBUS

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OO: NEW ORLEANS

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Re Albany airtel 6/5/61.

Transmitted herewith is a letterhead memorandum concerning a meeting at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, on 5/26/61, in the interests of the Freedom Riders who were arrested at Montgomery, Alabama.

This meeting was sponsored, and organized, by _____
of Religion at Middlebury College.

College officials, all established sources of the Albany Office, have advised that the meeting was not sponsored by the college but was called by _____ to answer the many questions asked of him by students, many of whom had heard Chaplain WILLIAM SLOANE COFFIN, JR., Yale *AM* University, when he spoke at Middlebury College, upon express invitation of _____ Officials of the college advise that there are no further meetings planned or likely due to the end of the school year. Arrangements have been made to be notified of any meetings or any indications that students or faculty members intend to join the Freedom Riders.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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On May 26, 1961, a meeting of students at
Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, was called

[redacted]
Religion, when many students made inquiries of him
concerning the arrests of several Freedom Riders in
Montgomery, Alabama. Among those arrested was Chaplain
William Sloane Coffin, Jr., Chaplain of Yale University, *NEW HAVEN*
who, during the preceding ten days, had spoken to a *Board*
campus gathering at Middlebury College on invitation of

[redacted] The meeting attracted 150 to 200 of the
students and a collection of approximately \$150.00 was
taken up at the meeting which included donations by
students collected in a box placed outside of the college
cafeteria. Such money was forwarded to the Congress on
Racial Equality, (CORE), New York City, to aid in the
legal expenses of those arrested. The meeting was orderly
and no disturbances were reported. The college authorities
reported that the students were enthusiastic in their
desires to help those of the Freedom Riders who had been
jailed.

Following the meeting one student, *Born* [redacted]
[redacted] a third year student, from [redacted] New
York, indicated a desire to [redacted] to *VT.*
join CORE and join the Freedom Riders following the close *N.J.*
of the school year, June 8, 1961.

On June 5, 1961, [redacted] advised that
[redacted] had completed his examinations and had left the
college on June 4, 1961, informing [redacted] that he
was going to report to CORE, New York City, on Monday,
June 5, 1961. According to [redacted] stated
that, depending on what decision the courts had made
concerning the future activities of the Freedom Rider, he
would decide on June 5, 1961, at New York City, whether he
was going to travel to the South and join the Freedom Riders.

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Professor [redacted]
[redacted] advised that [redacted]
born [redacted] at Muncio, Indiana, a Presbyterian
by religion, is [redacted]
graduate of Indiana University, [redacted]
who attended De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana.

[redacted]
[redacted] graduated from [redacted] New York
[redacted] prior
to entrance into [redacted] has credits
from [redacted] University, New Jersey, entered on his
college record.

[redacted] in January, 1958, on his application
for admission to [redacted] indicated a wish
to go abroad to [redacted]

[redacted] College authorities
do not know whether [redacted] visited [redacted]

At [redacted] is rated as an above
average student, is [redacted] of the [redacted]
and is generally regarded as a leader among his classmates.

College officials report that no other student,
known to them, has indicated any plan to join CORE or the
Freedom Riders, and no plans are known of any similar type
meeting at the college.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC-S, ATLANTA AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAC, NEWARK 157-NEW

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PROPOSED FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC. RIDE FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO JACKSON,

MISSISSIPPI, JUNE SEVENTH, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE, RM, COC, CR.

REBUTEL THIS DATE. NO INFORMATION NEWARK DIVISION REFLECTING

THAT EITHER [REDACTED] HAS MADE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT RE

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS
FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /157-140/

FREEBUS. RE MEMPHIS TELETYPES TO BUREAU, NEW ORLEANS AND
MOBILE JUNE SIX AND JUNE SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. TRAILWAYS
BUS WHICH DEPARTED NASHVILLE, TENN., ONE TEN AM, JUNE SEVEN,
SIXTY ONE, ARRIVED TRAILWAYS BUS STATION, MEMPHIS, TENN., SIX
TWENTY FIVE AM. SIX SO-CALLED FREEDOM RIDERS ^{MISC.} LEFT BUS AND
ENTERED WHITE SECTION, TRAILWAYS BUS STATION. THESE RIDERS,
CONSISTING OF THREE NEGRO MALES, TWO WHITE MALES AND ONE WHITE
FEMALE HAD BREAKFAST IN WHITE RESTAURANT AND TESTED OTHER WHITE
FACILITIES WITHOUT INCIDENT. FREEDOM RIDERS DEPARTED MEMPHIS
ON TRAILWAYS BUS NO. FIVE SEVEN ZERO EIGHT AT SEVEN FIFTY THREE
AM, DESTINED JACKSON, MISS. THIS INFORMATION FURNISHED TELE-
PHONICALLY JACKSON RESIDENT AGENCY. AIR MAIL COPIES MOBILE
AND RICHMOND. ARRIVAL TIME JACKSON, MISS., TWELVE FORTY FIVE PM,
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, SAC-S MOBILE AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-239/ 1P

PROPOSED ~~FREEDOM~~ ^{RIDERS - MISS.} RIDE FROM ATLANTA, GA. TO JACKSON, MISS. JUNE
SEVEN SIXTYONE, RM. REBUTEL JUNE SEVEN INSTANT.

FILED SECRETARY, CORE, ADVISED [REDACTED] VISITED ATLANTA
AND CONTACTED [REDACTED] STATED THEY WERE THERE AS OBSERVERS ONLY AND
WOULD GO TO ALA. AND MISS. AS OBSERVERS. NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
OR PRESS RELEASE MADE. [REDACTED] STATED FREEDOM RIDE COORDINATING
COMMITTEE OF WHICH HE IS CORE REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "NOT TO TOUCH ANYTHING" IN ALA. BECAUSE OF INJUNCTION
ISSUED BY FEDERAL JUDGE JOHNSON.

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

JUN 14 1961

FREEDOM RIDE 1961

RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS

The so-called union and professional group of freedom riders left Washington, D. C., by Greyhound bus as scheduled on June 13, 1961, and spent the night at Wilmington, North Carolina. They plan to continue toward their final destination of St. Petersburg, Florida, on June 14, 1961, and will leave Wilmington in two Greyhound buses for Jacksonville, Florida. Information previously received indicated that they intended to spend the night of June 14, 1961, at Charleston, South Carolina.

It has been stated that as the above group travels it will continuously split into smaller units so that if one unit is arrested the others can continue the journey.

The group of rabbis and ministers also left Washington, D. C., on June 13, 1961, by Greyhound bus and spent the night with faculty members of Shaw University at Raleigh, North Carolina. It is understood that the group now consists of three newspapermen and thirteen rabbis and ministers. They also plan to continue their trip by Greyhound bus on June 14, 1961, leaving the facilities at Sumter, South Carolina, and then proceeding to Tallahassee, Florida, via Jacksonville, Florida. They intend to travel from Tallahassee to New York by airplane on the afternoon of June 15, 1961.

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[redacted] who is with the union and professional group, informed the FBI office at Charlotte on the evening of June 13, 1961, that he had heard rumors indicating there would be trouble at Wilmington. The North Carolina Highway Patrol had forty men in readiness on the outskirts of Wilmington and [redacted] the number to fifteen. There were no incidents in connection with the travel of either the union and professional group or the rabbis and ministers.

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The Attorney General

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The freedom riders who were scheduled to leave Chicago, Illinois, for Nashville, Tennessee, on June 13, 1961, are reported to have postponed their trip until June 16, 1961. Plans concerning a contemplated freedom ride by train from the St. Louis area to Jackson, Mississippi, on June 17, 1961, are to be discussed at a Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) meeting on June 14, 1961.

On June 13, 1961, we were informed by the Student Central Committee, Nashville, Tennessee, that [redacted] contacted the committee on May 21, 1961. [redacted] allegedly said he was a shoeshine boy in the Trailways bus station at Birmingham, Alabama, on May 14, 1961. He claimed that police officers changed into civilian clothing and attacked the freedom riders. They then followed [redacted] to his home and beat him, breaking his arm. The committee gave [redacted] twenty dollars for transportation to Detroit, Michigan.

We are attempting to locate [redacted] for immediate interview and the details of his story will be promptly and thoroughly checked out.

Further developments will be brought to the attention of the Department promptly.

- 1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Burke Marshall
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

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FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-NEW/ 2P

RIDERS - MISC.
FREEDOM/RIDES BEGINNING WASHINGTON, D. C., JUNE THIRTEEN, NEXT.

RACIAL MATTERS. RE SAVANNAH AND NEW YORK TELS, JUNE NINE AND
TEN, LAST, CAPTIONED POSSIBLE NEGRO DEMONSTRATIONS, CHARLESTON,
S. C., JUNE FOURTEEN DASH FIFTEEN, NEXT, RACIAL MATTERS, NEW
YORK TEL, JUNE ELEVEN, LAST, CAPTIONED RACIAL MATTERS, AND
MIAMI TEL, JUNE TWELVE, INSTANT, CAPTIONED CORE, RACIAL MATTERS.

CS PAREN RAC PAREN BENNETT M. HIRSH ADVISED TODAY THAT ROBERT
MYERS, PRESIDENT, JEWISH TEMPLE, JACKSONVILLE, RECEIVED LETTER
DATED JUNE NINE, LAST, FROM [REDACTED] OF

COMMISSION ON SOCIAL ACTION OF REFORMED JUDISM OF THE UNION OF
AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATION, NEW YORK CITY. [REDACTED] ADVISED

NEGRO AND WHITE FREEDOM RIDERS, CONSISTING OF MINISTERS AND

RABBIS, WILL ARRIVE JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, MORNING OF JUNE JUN 14 1961
FIFTEEN, NEXT, WILL HAVE BREAKFAST AT BUS TERMINAL AND WILL
TEST BUS FACILITIES RE INTERGRATION. [REDACTED]

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INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT,
ADVISED RECEIVED INQUIRY TODAY FROM WJXT TELEVISION,
JACKSONVILLE, BASED ON WIRE SERVICE RELEASE THAT CORE
HOLDING MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, WASHINGTON, D. C., IN
PREPARATION FOR FREEDOM RIDES TO QUOTE DIXIE UNQUOTE
TOMORROW. [] ADVISED JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
WILL FOLLOW SITUATION AND PLANS NO ARRESTS UNLESS TROUBLE
DEVELOPS. REQUEST ALL OFFICES TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION CONCERNING ITINERARY AND ACTIVITIES OF
FREEDOM RIDERS AS DEVELOPED TO JACKSONVILLE AND
INTERESTED OFFICES. CIC AND LOCAL AUTHOU^RITIES ADVISED.
AIR MAIL COPY FURNISHED MOBILE.

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FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD 157-108

PROPOSED FREEDOM RIOTERS - MISC. RIDE FROM ATLANTA, GA. TO JACKSON, MISS.,
JUNE SEVEN, SIXTYONE, RM, CONTEMPT OF COURT ORDER, CR. RE
ATLANTA TELETYPE DATED JUNE SEVEN INSTANT. ADDRESS ONE FIVE
ZERO ONE DAY NONEXISTENT, [REDACTED] ILLINOIS. [REDACTED]

FORMERLY RESIDED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESENTLY RESIDES THAT ADDRESS. [REDACTED]

ATTENDED [REDACTED] HIGH SCHOOL NINETEEN FORTY-SIX DASH FORTY-EIGHT
AS [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] AT BOLIVAR, TENNESSEE.

[REDACTED] REPORTEDLY LEFT [REDACTED] EIGHT OR TEN YEARS AGO. DEPUTY
SHERIFF [REDACTED] SO ADVISED [REDACTED] IDENTICAL

TO [REDACTED] WHOSE PICTURE APPEARS IN JUNE EIGHT LAST
ISSUE OF QUOTE JET END QUOTE AND THAT [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NORTH CAROLINA. [REDACTED] KNOWS [REDACTED] ON

SIGHT AND STATED [REDACTED] AS NOT LIVING [REDACTED] FOR ABOUT EIGHT YEARS.

[REDACTED] UNKNOWN TO RECORDS OF [REDACTED] PD AND SO. RUC.

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FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-NEW/

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.
FREEDOM/RIDE, NINETEEN SIXTYONE, TRAILWAYS BUS NO. FIVE SEVEN

ZERO EIGHT, FROM NASHVILLE, TENN. TO JACKSON, MISS., JUNE SEVEN
SIXTYONE, RM DASH CR. RE NEW ORLEANS CALL TODAY. FOLLOWIN SIX
FREEDOM RIDERS ARRESTED BY JACKSON, MISS. PD TODAY ONE TWENTY
FIVE PM, FOR BREACH OF PEACE AND WILL BE TRIED JACKSON MUNICIPAL
COURT, JUNE EIGHT NEXT. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH
ARREST DASH

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

DOB

BOSTON, MASS.,

BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, MEDIUM COMPLEXION,

STUDENT YALE UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL,

NEW HAVEN, CONN. , FATHER

MASS., MOTHER

SAME ADDRESS, ADMITS PICKETING AT NEW

HAVEN, CONN. IN NINETEEN SIXTY.

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[REDACTED] DES MOINES, IOWA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GREEN EYES, OLIVE COMPLEXION, MEDIUM BUILD,

STUDENT YALE UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL, NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

MOTHER [REDACTED] FATHER [REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS. ADMITS

PARTICIPATING IN PICKETING SEVERAL TIMES AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

DATES UNKNOWN. [REDACTED]

NYC, [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED]

BOSTON, MASS.,

[REDACTED] MARITAL STATUS [REDACTED]

OLIVE COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, OCCUPATION [REDACTED]

EDUCATION FOUR YEARS COLLEGE, REFUSED TO IDENTIFY EMPLOYER OR

COLLEGE. MOTHER [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., FATHER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PITTSBURGH, PA., [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED]

RICHMOND, VA., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, DARK

COMPLEXION, TALL BUILD, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STUDENT

AT VA. UNION UNIVERSITY, RICHMOND, VA. FATHER [REDACTED]

SAME ADDRESS, MOTHER [REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS. ADMITS ADDRESS

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BY PD, PITTSBURGH, PA., AUGUST, SIXTY, FOR LOITERING, ADMITS
PARTICIPATION IN SEVERAL DEPT. STORE SIT-INS, RICHMOND, VA.

NINETEEN SIXTY.

WASH, DC,

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WASH, DC,

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, MEDIUM DARK COMPLEXION,

STUDENT, VA. UNION UNIVERSITY, RICHMOND, VA.,

FATHER

MOTHER

BOTH SAME ADDRESS. ADMITS TAKING PART

IN SIT-INS AND PICKETING AT LEAST FOUR TIMES IN NINETEEN SIXTY

AT RICHMOND, VA.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

DOB

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, LIGHT BROWN COMPLEXION, MEDIUM BUILD,

STUDENT, VA. UNION UNIVERSITY, RICHMOND, VA.,

FATHER

SAME ADDRESS, MOTHER

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ADMITS PARTICIPATION IN

PICKETING AND SIT-INS, RICHMOND, VA. MANY TIMES IN SIXTY.

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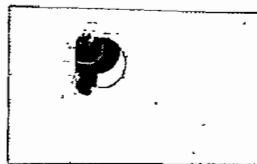
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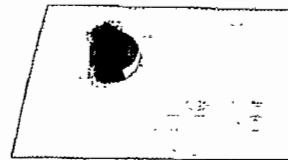
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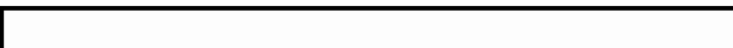
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NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE 2P

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY. RACIAL MATTERS. RE SAVANNAH
TEL TO THE DIRECTOR, JUNE NINE, SIXTYONE ENTITLED QUOTE
POSSIBLE NEGRO DEMOSTRATORS, CHARLESTON, S. C., JUNE
FOURTEEN DASH FIFTEEN, SIXTYONE. RACIAL MATTERS UNQUOTE
AND NEW YORK TEL TO THE DIRECTOR, JUNE TEN, SIXTYONE, SAME
CAPTION ADVISING INFORMATION RECEIVED INDIRECTLY FROM
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PRESIDENT OF NAACP ADVISING INTERGRATED
GROUP FIVE MALES, NINE FEMALES FREEDOM RIDERS LEAVING
NEW YORK, DATE UNSPECIFIED BY BUS TO TRAVEL WASHINGTON,
D. C., RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, WILMINGTON, *MS* S. C., CHARLESTON,
S. C. AND JACKSONVILLE, FLA. 

JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA QUOTE DAILY NEWS UNQUOTE
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CORE, WASHINGTON, D. C., FURNISHED FOLLOWING COLON.
FIFTEEN FREEDOM RIDERS COMPRISING MIXED GROUP OF MINISTERS,
TEACHERS, PROFESSORS AND PHYSICIANS WILL DEPART WASHINGTON,
D. C., JUNE THIRTEEN, NEXT, VIA GREYHOUND BUS EN ROUTE
WILMINGTON, N. C., VIA RALEIGH, N. C. WILL SPEND NIGHT
OF JUNE THIRTEEN IN WILMINGTON. ULTIMATE DESTINATION
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA. NO OTHER DETAILS REGARDING
ITINERARY FURNISHED. [] QUOTED [] AS STATING
RIDERS HAVE RETAINED ATTORNEYS AND ALERTED LOCAL AUTHORITIES
REQUESTING PROTECTION. LOCAL AUTHORITIES NORTH CAROLINA
ALERTED. TAMPA DIVISION, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., ALERT
APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.
FREEDOM RIDE, NINETEEN SIXTYONE, DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER

SIX FIVE, ST. LOUIS, MO. TO JACKSON, MISS., FOUR FIFTYNINE PM, CST,

JUNE SEVEN, SIXTYONE. RE NO PHONE CALL TO BUREAU JUNE SEVEN.

FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL DATA RE THREE FREERIDERS ARRESTED JACKSON

AIRPORT JUNE SEVEN COLON

ST. LOUIS, MO., BORN

ST. LOUIS,

MO.,

LBS., BLACK HAIR,

MEDIUM BROWN COMPLEXION, TALL, STOUT BUILD, SINGLE,

FOR ATTORNEY

MOTHER

FATHER

ARRESTED ST. LOUIS PD, SIXTY, TRESPASSING, DEMONSTRATIONS.

ST. LOUIS, MO.,

S BORN,

CLAYTON, MO.,

LBS., BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, MEDIUM DARK COMPLEXION, SLIM,

SINGLE, STUDENT ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS, MO., HAS ATTENDED

PLACE

NOT SHOWN, MOTHER

FATHER

ADMITS SIT-IN, STAND-IN

DEMONSTRATIONS, ST. LOUIS, MO. AND WEBSTER GROVE, MO., SIXTYONE.

WEBSTER GROVE,

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BORN

ST. LOUIS,

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION, SMALL

BUILD,

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ADMITS PICKETING AND SIT-INS, ST. LOUIS

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AND WEBSTER GROVE, SIXTYONE. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY STATISTICS AS
OF SIX PM, JUNE SEVEN. TOTAL EIGHTYONE ARRESTED, SEVENTEEN ON BOND,
TWO PAID FINES, NET IN CUSTODY SIXTYTWO. ABOVE ARRESTS INCLUDE
NINE ON JUNE SEVEN. ALL FREERIDERS COUNTY JAIL REPORTED EATING.
FOUR AT CITY JAIL REFUSED TO ACCEPT SUPPER JUNE SEVEN.

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FREEDOM RIDERS- M

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-287 1P

CONTEMPLATED SIT IN JACKSON MUNICIPAL ZOO, JUNE SIX LAST, RM.

REMYTEL JUNE SIX. MEDGAR EVERS, FIELD SECRETARY, NAACP,

ADVISED THAT YOUTH GROUP OF NAACP, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY

SIX, SAT IN ZOO AS PLANNED THREE PM, JUNE SIX LAST, AND NO

INCIDENT OCCURRED. CHIEF OF DETECTIVES M. B. PIERCE, JACKSON,

MISS. PD, ADVISED PD IGNORED SITTERS. CIC ADVISED.

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FREEDOM RIDERS - M

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 1P

PROPOSED SIT IN CICERO-S AIRPORT RESTAURANT, JACKSON, MISS.

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, JACKSON, MISS. SIX SEVEN SIXTYONE. RACIAL MATTERS.

REMY TEL TODAY MEDGAR EVERS, FIELD SECRETARY OF THE NAACP, JACKSON,

MISS, STATED PLAN CALLED OFF AS REFLECTED IN RE TEL AS FELT NOT

DESIRABLE AT THIS TIME. M. B. PIERCE, JACKSON PD ADVISED NO

INCIDENTS OCCURRED AT AIRPORT WHEN PARTY REFERRED RE TEL WERE THERE

TODAY. CIC ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS /157-264/

FROM SAC, CHICAGO /157-81/ 1P

FREEDOM RIDERS PAREN FR END PAREN, RACIAL MATTERS. REMYTEL JUNE

TWELVE, LAST. [REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE GROUP OF FR SPONSORED

BY COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUALITY PLAN TO LEAVE CHICAGO JUNE SIXTEEN,

NEXT. CHICAGO WILL ADVISE.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS NEW ORLEANS AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS /157-85/ 1P

FREEBUS, R. M. RE NEW ORLEANS TEL JUNE NINE, NINETEEN SIXTYONE.
CHARLES R. OLDHAM, ST. LOUIS, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF CORE,
ADVISED FREEDOM ^{RIDERS - MISC} RIDE DESCRIBED RETEL CURRENTLY IN DISCUSSION
STAGE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. EXACT PLANS AND ROUTE INDEFINITE.
ADVISED LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE JUNE SIXTEEN, NINETEEN
SIXTYONE FOR SUMMER VACATION AND IT HAD BEEN INDICATED FREEDOM
RIDE WOULD BEGIN AFTER JUNE SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYONE.
OF PLANS TO BE FORMULATED AT JUNE FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYONE
CORE MEETING. ST. LOUIS WILL SUTEL.

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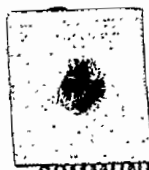
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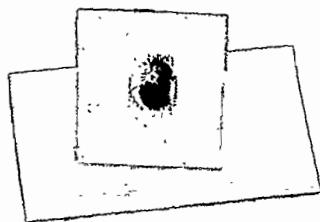
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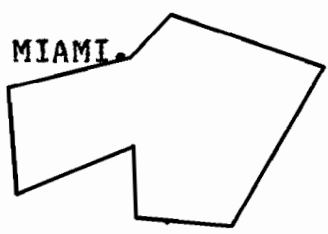


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TO DIRECTOR AND SACS ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE, JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI,
NEW YORK, SAVANNAH, TAMPA AND WASHINGTON FIELD
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON



FROM SAC RICHMOND /157-231/ 1P
FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL SIX TWELVE,
SIXTYONE. LT. [REDACTED] RICHMOND, VA. PD, ADVISED THE TWO
GREYHOUND BUSES CONTAINING FREEDOM RIDERS ARRIVED RICHMOND TODAY
AND DEPARTED AS SCHEDULED FOR SOUTHERN DESTINATIONS. WHILE IN
RICHMOND THE GROUP ATE AT DESEGREGATED EATING FACILITIES AT BUS
TERMINAL AND NO INCIDENTS OF ANY NATURE REPORTED. RICHMOND WILL
CONTINUE TO BE ALERT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THIS MATTER.
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FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157--264

FREEBUS. [REDACTED] ARRESTED TRAILWAYS, MAY TWENTYFOUR,

AND [REDACTED] ARRESTED GREYHOUND, MAY TWENTYEIGHT, RELEASED

ON FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR CASH BOND JUNE TWELVE. [REDACTED]

ARRESTED TRAILWAYS, MAY TWENTYEIGHT, AND JACK L. BEVEL ARRESTED

TRAILWAYS, MAY TWENTYFOUR, RELEASED ON FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR CASH

BOND JUNE THIRTEEN. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, JUNE

THIRTEEN - NO FREE RIDERS ARRESTED SINCE JUNE TWELVE SUMMARY.

TOTAL ARRESTED ONE HUNDRED TEN. OUT ON BOND TWENTYSIX. PAID

FINES FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY EIGHTY. ALL RIDERS EATING AT COUNTY

JAIL. THIRTEEN REFUSING FOOD CITY JAIL.

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FROM SAC, CHICAGO 157-81

FREEDOM RIDERS PAREN FR END PAREN, RACIAL MATTERS. REMYTEL JUNE THIRTEEN
INSTANT, GROUP OF FR WHICH [REDACTED] ADVISED WILL LEAVE CHICAGO
JUNE SIXTEEN NEXT IS SAME GROUP ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO LEAVE CHICAGO
JUNE THIRTEEN INSTANT AS DESCRIBED MYTEL JUNE TWELVE LAST. 157-387-158

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SACS RICHMOND, CHARLOTTE, SAVANNAH,
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FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (100-35588) *FREEDOM RIDERS-MIS*

FREE BUS, RACIAL MATTERS. CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. RENYTEL JUNE
ELEVEN LAST. LT. [REDACTED] SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS SQUAD,
MPD, ADVISED THIS DATE [REDACTED] FURNISHED [REDACTED] WITH
THE ITINERARY OF THE TWO GROUPS DEPARTING WDC JUNE THIRTEEN NEXT.

[REDACTED] STATED ONE GROUP WILL DEPART WDC SEVEN FORTYFIVE A.M.,
JUNE THIRTEEN NEXT, VIA GREYHOUND BUS AND ARRIVE WILMINGTON,
NORTH CAROLINA TUESDAY NIGHT AND HAVE RESERVATIONS AT THE PAYNE
HOTEL. AT WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA THE GROUP WILL BE DIVIDED
INTO TWO GROUPS TO ARRIVE CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AT TWELVE
P.M. AND FIVE P.M. BOTH GROUPS WILL STAY IN PRIVATE HOMES IN
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA WEDNESDAY NIGHT. THE GROUP WILL
LEAVE CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ARRIVE JACKSONVILLE, FLA.,
AT TWELVE THIRTYFIVE P.M. AND FOUR THIRTYFIVE P.M. JUNE FIFTEEN
NEXT. THEY WILL STAY OVERNIGHT IN PRIVATE HOMES, DEPARTING
JACKSONVILLE SIX A.M. AND SEVEN THIRTY A.M., ARRIVING ST. PETERS-

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BURG, FLA., FIVE TEN P.M. AND TWELVE FORTYFIVE P.M. ONE GROUP WILL STOP IN TAMPA EN ROUTE WHERE TWO MEMBERS WILL CATCH PLANE FOR NYC. GROUP TWO CONSISTING OF MINISTERS AND RABBIS PLAN TO DEPART WDC ELEVEN FIFTYFIVE A.M. JUNE THIRTEEN NEXT AND STAY AT SHAW UNIVERSITY, RALEIGH, TUESDAY, JUNE THIRTEEN NEXT. THEY THEN DEPART FOLLOWING DAY FOR SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, AND JACKSONVILLE, FLA., ARRIVING SEVEN FORTYFIVE A.M. THEY WILL DEPART FOR TALLAHASSEE, FLA., SAME DAY, WHERE THEY WILL TEST AIRPORT FACILITIES AND RETURN TO NYC VIA EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT DEPARTING TALLAHASSEE, FLA., THREE TWENTYFIVE P.M. FOLLOWING MINISTERS AND RABBIS ARE IN GROUP TWO.

THE BUS CONSISTING OF UNION

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FROM DC WITH REVEREND EDWARD C. MORTON WHO, WITH REVEREND LESLIE
L. SMITH, BOTH NEGRO MINISTERS ALBANY, WILL PARTICIPATE IN

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O "FREEDOM RIDE" THROUGH 5 SOUTHERN STATES BEGINNING TODAY AT
DC. GROUP WILL CONSIST OF MINISTERS OF VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS,
STUDENTS, LABOR LEADERS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE, WHO MET AT
CORE HEADQUARTERS, DC FOR INSTRUCTIONS. THREE BUSES TO TAKE
PARALLEL ROUTES SOUTH AND TRAVEL NOTED TO BE THROUGH DELAWARE,
NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA AND FLORIDA. DELAWARE
NOTED TO BE NORTH OF DC. BUSES TO LEAVE DC THIS MORNING
STOPPING AT RALEIGH NC FOR LUNCH AND THEN TO WILMINGTON FOR
NIGHT, TO STAY AT INTEGRATED HOTEL. WEDNESDAY MORNING TRAVEL
TO CHARLESTON SC ARRIVING NOON. LEAVE CHARLESTON 9:30 AM
THURSDAY WITH STOPS GEORGIA, ARRIVING JACKSONVILLE FLA.
4:30 PM. LEAVE JACKSONVILLE 6 AM FRIDAY FOR TAMPA ARRIVING
NOON. WILL DIVIDE THERE, HALF GOING TO TAMPA AIRPORT HALF
TO ST. PETERSBURG FLA. AIRPORT GROUPS WILL ATTEMPT TO FLY OUT
OF TAMPA TO NEWARK WHERE IF SUCCESSFUL WILL REPORT CORE HEADQUARTERS.
EXCEPT AT WILMINGTON RIDERS WILL STAY IN PRIVATE HOMES AND
SPEAK AT VARIOUS FUNCTIONS. INDICATED DIFFICULTY AND EVEN ARREST
AND PHYSICAL ABUSE EXPECTED TAMPA OR ST. PETERSBURG. IF ARRESTED

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE 09-0

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-81)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS — *misc*
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 6/2/61
captioned Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights.

Enclosed herewith is the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to an article appearing in the "Chicago Tribune" on 6/2/61. Also enclosed is the original and seven copies of a reliability memorandum. Copies of the two letterhead memoranda are also being designated to those offices receiving copies of this airtel for information purposes.

Information copies are being submitted to the four southern divisions as their states are mentioned in the article appearing in the "Chicago Tribune".

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The source utilized is as follows;

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The CCDBR is characterized by

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The CCDDR is characterized by

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and

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No identifiable subversive information was located in the files of the Chicago Division concerning the following named individuals in the letterhead memorandum.

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The Chicago Division will keep the Bureau and interested offices advised of the developments pertaining to this caption.

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FREEDOM RIDERS
RACIAL MATTERS

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The "Chicago Daily Tribune", a daily Chicago, Illinois newspaper dated June 2, 1961, carried an article, part one, page seven, columns four, five and six, captioned "Riders' Here, Tell July 4 Goal".

A review of this article is as follows:

"Seven 'freedom riders' who participated in stormy integration efforts in Alabama and Mississippi stated their goal yeaterday as 'real independence for the south by July 4.'"

The seven persons met in a hall at 322 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois on June 1, 1961 following their arrival from New Orleans and consisted of five Negroes and two white persons.

The seven persons were identified as

Julia Aaron

Dr. Walter Bergman, a white retired professor at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan

Mrs. Walter Bergman

Doris Castle

David Dennis

Isaac Reynolds, a Negro university student from Detroit, Michigan

Jerome Smith

Sterling Stuckey.

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It is noted the article identifies eight persons but refers to them as seven.

Dr. Bergman, "principal spokesman" said the tempo of the bus rides will be increased week by week and that "Our target is July 4. By then we want real independence for the south. We intend to celebrate a successful campaign on July 4. We will ride, ride, ride. Students don't want to wait on court decisions."

"The seven will be in the Chicago area thru June 8, appearing at colleges, churches, and on television. An 'All-Chicago' rally will be held Monday at 8 p.m. at 32 W. Randolph St."

By memorandum dated June 2, 1961, at Chicago, Illinois, captioned "Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights, Internal Security - C," information pertaining to the rally to be held on Monday night at 8:00 p.m. at 32 West Randolph Street was set forth.

A source advised in July, 1952, that one Walter Bergman, not further identified, in March, 1941, was a "left-wing labor leader in Detroit, Michigan."

CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR), maintains headquarters in Room 811, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

A source advised in July, 1960, that key leaders of the Communist Party (CP) met with RICHARD CRILEY, the then Executive Secretary of the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR), and a member of the Civil Liberties Commission, CP of Illinois. At this meeting, CRILEY indicated that the climate in the United States on civil liberties and civil rights issues had changed to the extent that it was now possible to proceed to form an organization with broader mass support than the present CCDDR. By so doing, CRILEY believed that people who would not associate themselves with the CCDDR because of the narrow scope of the purposes of this organization, that is, defense of Smith Act victims, Taft-Hartley victims, etc., would join a Civil Liberties and Civil Rights organization built around a broader issue, such as the Abolishment of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). The CP leaders, after receiving assurance from CRILEY that any new organization that might evolve would protect the Party interests in the same manner as the old CCDDR, authorized CRILEY to proceed with his plan to form a broader organization than the CCDDR.

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A [] source advised on October 31, 1960, that a new organization known as the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights was formally launched in Chicago at a meeting on October 26, 1960. The stated primary purpose of the new organization was to seek the abolition of the HCUA, and RICHARD CRILEY was named as its Executive Secretary, after having been the guiding force in arranging the October 26, 1960 meeting.

The [] source, in October, 1960, advised that CRILEY again attended a meeting of Illinois District CP leadership on October 28, 1960, at which time he reported on the organizational meeting of the CCDBR. CRILEY stated that the immediate purpose of his organization is to obtain mass support to abolish the HCUA, but the new Committee purposes will also include defense of Smith Act and Taft-Hartley victims. He said there will be no formal affiliation with any national organization of similar purpose; however, the CCDBR, according to CRILEY, will consult and have liaison with national organizations having the same purpose. According to the source, the CP leadership agreed with the general direction of the CCDBR as outlined by CRILEY.

The [] source advised on February 8, 1961, that the CCDBR continues to adhere to the same aims and purposes and operates under the same leadership.

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

**CHICAGO COMMITTEE TO DEFEND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS,
Formerly known as Chicago Joint Defense Committee
to Defeat the Smith Act**

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A source advised on April 15, 1958, that the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC) was formed by the Communist Party (CP) in March, 1956.

A [] source advised on July 17, 1958, that at a working conference of the CJDC held on June 8, 1958, at Chicago, Illinois, the name of the CJDC was changed to the Chicago Committee to Defend Democratic Rights (CCDDR). The purpose of the CCDDR, according to its "Statement of Principles and Organization" was to "...defend and extend the human rights embodied in the Bill of Rights....and to put an end to the political and racial persecutions which threaten American democracy today."

The [] source further advised on May 18, 1960, that as of May, 1960, the CCDDR continued to function within the framework of its stated principles and that in accordance with its "Statement of Principles and Organization" had a number of "Working Committees" which included the Chicago Smith Act Families Committee, South Side Freedom Committee, and Taft-Hartley Working Committee. The source further stated that as of May, 1960, RICHARD CRILEY was serving as the Executive Secretary of the CCDDR.

This same source advised on February 8, 1961, that the CCDDR continued to operate until October 26, 1960 when the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) was formed and the offices and assets of what was formerly the CCDDR were taken over by the CCDBR. At the October 26, 1960 meeting, a referendum for approval of the above described action was called for, and subsequently, votes were solicited from "associates" of the old CCDDR. The source further advised that no formal dissolution meeting of the CCDDR was ever held, but for all intents and purposes the CCDDR ceased to exist on October 26, 1960, and the new CCDBR has functioned under the guidance of RICHARD CRILEY, its Executive Secretary, since that time.

RICHARD CRILEY, according to a [] source, was a member of the State Committee, CP of Illinois, as of February, 1961.

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Re Richmond tel to the Bureau 6/9/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum and two copies for Washington Field.

Richmond indices reflect no information identifiable with [redacted] or chaperons named in enclosure.

Any further data received will be furnished to the Bureau.

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On June 9, 1961, Detective Sergeant [redacted] Charlottesville, Virginia, Police Department, at 1:00 P.M. advised that a Trailways bus with a large "Freedom Riders" sign on the outside, carrying forty three white Alta Vista, Virginia, high school students, stopped in Charlottesville, Virginia for lunch. According to [redacted] the stop in Charlottesville was covered by the press and television photographers.

[redacted] further reported the driver of the bus advised him that motorists on the highway were very discourteous to the bus while it was being driven. He related the bus left Charlottesville at approximately 12:45 P.M. on U. S. Route 29, destination Washington, D. C., with traveling time approximately two hours.

Major [redacted] Virginia State Police, Richmond, Virginia, was advised of the above at 1:45 P.M. on June 9, 1961, who advised that an alert would be sent out concerning the bus.

On June 9, 1961, [redacted] Trailways Bus Company, Lynchburg, Virginia, furnished the following information:

[redacted] of Alta Vista High School, Alta Vista, Virginia, arranged for the chartering of a bus to take 38 students and 4 chaperons on a trip to Washington, D. C. on June 9, 1961. The bus did not stop at the Lynchburg Terminal. [redacted] received a phone call from his Washington Terminal, in which he was advised that the Metropolitan Police Department had learned of the sign on the bus and were looking for the arrival of the bus. The bus is due to arrive at the Annapolis Hotel in Washington, D. C.; about 4:30 P.M. on June 9, 1961.

On June 9, 1961, D. M. ARTHUR, Town Manager, and former Chief of Police, Alta Vista, Virginia, furnished the following information:

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The Senior Class of the High School, Alta Vista, Virginia, chartered a bus to travel to Washington, D. C. on June 9, 1961. The chaperons are [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] All four are well regarded substantial citizens of Alta Vista. [REDACTED] is a well regarded young man in the local school.

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*OF FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC. ✓*CORE RACIAL MATTERS
FREE BUS RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned group which contains the itinerary of the members of the group planning to depart Washington, D. C., 6/13/61.

Copies of the enclosed memo are not being furnished to interested offices as a teletype communication was forwarded to them on 6/12/61.

The source furnishing information regarding the meeting of the Washington Chapter of CORE is

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FREEDOM BUS RIDERS
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RACIAL MATTERS

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At a 2 P. M. press conference on June 12, 1961, in Washington, D. C., Miss Genevieve Hughes, Field Secretary, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), announced the freedom riders would be divided into two groups departing from Washington, D. C., June 13, 1961, and she furnished the following itinerary.

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The persons in each group include:

Group I

UNION AND PROFESSIONAL FREEDOM RIDE

Herbert E. Callender; 27,
Joyce Lebowitz;
Sheree Massaquoi;
James O'Connor;
Francis B. Randall;
Laura Randall;
Dr. Daniel N. Stern;
Benny Winston;
Reverend Gordon D. Negen;
Rabbi Jerald Bobrow;
Ralph Diamond;
Dupree C. White;
Reverend Edward C. Morton;
Reverend Leslie Smith;

Group II

INTER-FAITH FREEDOM RIDERS

Reverend Robert McAfee Brown;
Rabbi Martin Freedman;

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Rabbi Allan ~~Levine~~;
Reverend Malcolm R. ~~Evans~~;
Reverend John W. P. ~~Collier, Jr.~~;
Reverend Ralph L. ~~Roy~~;
Rabbi Israel S. ~~Dresner~~;
Reverend Arthur L. ~~Hardge~~;
Reverend C. Donald ~~Alstork~~;
Reverend A. McRaven ~~Warner~~;
Reverend Edward A. ~~White~~;
Reverend Robert ~~Stone~~;
Reverend Perry A. ~~Smith~~;
Reverend Wayne Clyde ~~Hartmire, Jr.~~;
Reverend George J. ~~Leake~~;
Reverend Petty D. ~~McKinney~~;
Reverend Emory C. ~~Proctor~~;
Rabbi Walter H. ~~Plaut~~.

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Group I, composed of Union and Professional Freedom Riders, will depart Washington, D. C., 7:45 A. M. June 13, 1961, via Greyhound bus, and arrive Wilmington, North Carolina, Tuesday night June 13, 1961, where they have reservations at the Payne Hotel. At Wilmington, North Carolina, the group will be divided into two groups arriving at Charleston, South Carolina, at 12 P. M. and 5 P. M. June 14, 1961, where both groups will stay in private homes in Charleston, South Carolina. The group will leave Charleston, South Carolina, and arrive Jacksonville, Florida, at 12:35 P. M. and 4:35 P. M. June 15, 1961, and will stay overnight in private homes. The group plans to depart Jacksonville, Florida, 6 A. M. and 7:30 A. M. June 16, 1961, arriving St. Petersburg 5:10 and 12:45 P. M. One group will stop in Tampa, Florida, where two members will catch an airplane for New York City.

The group consisting of inter-faith freedom riders plans to depart Washington, D. C., 11:55 A. M. June 13, 1961, and stay at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, June 13, 1961. On June 14, 1961, this group plans to depart for Sumter, South Carolina, Savannah, Georgia, and Jacksonville, Florida, arriving at 7:45 A. M. June 15. They will depart for Tallahassee, Florida, June 15, where they will test airport facilities and return to New York City by Eastern Airlines departing from Tallahassee, Florida 3:25 P. M. June 15, 1961.

Re: FREEDOM BUS RIDERS
CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

Miss Hughes stated the purpose of the trip is (1) to end discrimination where it presently exists, (2) to encourage people to use interstate facilities in a nonsegregation fashion where no discrimination exists, and (3) to assist people in local communities to take local action through the moral support of CORE.

Miss Hughes furnished the arrival and departure times to news reporters, but asked that these times not be reported in an effort to help avoid any mob action. She was asked if authorities were advised, and Miss Hughes stated the FBI in New York was advised by CORE Headquarters. Miss Hughes also stated the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., was also advised of the riders at that agency's request.

A reporter inquired of Marvin Rich, a member of CORE, if the Attorney General had been advised. He answered that he had not been directly informed, but that the Department of Justice, through the FBI, had been advised, and "Mr. Kennedy knows that we are continuously sponsoring such rides." Mr. Rich was also asked if Federal officers would be on any of the buses, and he replied, "I think that might be a possibility."

The Washington Chapter, CORE, held a mass rally for "Original Freedom Riders" at 7 p.m., June 11, 1961, at the All Souls Unitarian Church, 16th and Harvard Streets, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

A source advised that James B. Carey, President, International Union of Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, AFL - CIO, was one of the three scheduled speakers. According to the source, Carey was extremely critical of the South in his talk and stated that the electrical workers union had earmarked funds for the "freedom riders" and would continue to finance this project. He also criticized the National Association of Manufacturers and "big business who have never helped to bring about equality." D.C.

FREEDOM BUS RIDERS
CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

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James Baldwin, Author, told those present, according to the source, that the West had better re-evaluate its international policy in light of the potential strength of the new Afro-Asian countries. He added that the white man had better realize the emerging strength of the Negro. He stated that he did not want to be in the shoes of the white man when the African nations become stronger.

D.C.
The third scheduled speaker, Victor Reuther, President, D. C. Chapter, Americans for Democratic Action, was not present, but he sent a telegram of best wishes to the CORE.

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Marvin Rich, National Director of CORE, stated that 50 more people will depart this week on freedom rides and Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., Vice Chairman, Americans for Democratic Action, made an appeal for funds. Mr. Rauh stated that it costs at least \$10,000 a week to keep the freedom rides going and that CORE spent \$23,000 in this cause the previous week.

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ALA Three of the original freedom riders spoke. D.C. David Dennis of New Orleans said he was "an angry youth" and Miss Genevieve Hughes described the attack made on the bus and stated "we were expecting trouble in Anniston." The third freedom rider was introduced as Mr. Peck. According to the source, Peck was critical of Senator Eastland of Mississippi, and stated that he would refuse to answer before Congressional committees whether he was a communist agitator. He added that he would tell the audience, however, that he hated totalitarianism and was a pacifist. Peck stated he would refuse to speak before a Congressional committee because the committee had no right to question his efforts to further integration.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *Bm*

DATE: June 13, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *arn*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

SYNOPSIS

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Twelve freedom riders who were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, 6/10/61 and 6/11/61 were convicted of breach of the peace 6/12/61. Each sentenced to serve four months and fined \$200. No sentences suspended.

Since 5/24/61, 110 freedom riders arrested Jackson, Mississippi. Twenty-two released on bond, four released after payment of fines and 84 remain in custody. Eight freedom riders in custody at the city jail are refusing to eat.

Sheriff J. Robert Gilfoy has been authorized, upon court approval, to transfer freedom riders to State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi.

Sheriff Gilfoy advised in confidence all freedom riders will be transferred at daybreak 6/14/61 or possibly 6/15/61.

Freedom riders will be initially housed in maximum security section of State Penitentiary but will be transferred to a first offender camp which will probably be completed next week.

Future freedom riders will be transferred to State Penitentiary when about 30 have been collected in jail at Jackson, Mississippi.

Temporary restraining order against freedom riders in Alabama expired midnight 6/12/61. Hearing for a permanent injunction postponed for 7/17/61 but the judge may rule at anytime upon a motion which has been filed to continue the restraining order another ten-day period.

Additional freedom riders are to leave Chicago 6/13/61 for Nashville, Tennessee, where they will depart for Jackson, Mississippi, by bus.

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FREEDOM RIDERS - BUS.

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A group of 14 freedom riders described as union and professional people was scheduled to leave Washington, D. C., by Greyhound bus at 7:45 a. m., 6/13/61. They plan to stay overnight at Wilmington, North Carolina; Charleston, South Carolina; and Jacksonville, Florida; proceeding by bus to St. Petersburg, Florida, 6/16/61.

A group of 18 ministers and rabbis plans to leave Washington, D. C. by Greyhound bus at 11:55 a. m., 6/13/61 staying overnight at Raleigh, North Carolina, passing through Jacksonville, Florida, and arriving at Tallahassee, Florida, 6/15/61, where they will test the airport facilities.

The above groups have reportedly retained attorneys and requested protection from local authorities in North Carolina.

It has been reported that the group of ministers and rabbis will eat breakfast at the bus terminal in Jacksonville, Florida, 6/15/61 and will test the facilities of the bus station. Jacksonville Police plan to make no arrests unless there is trouble.

Los Angeles sources state the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) will sponsor a meeting in the Los Angeles Sports Arena 6/18/61. Approximately 30,000 will attend including Governor Edmund G. Brown and California Attorney General Stanley Mosk. The principal speaker will be Martin Luther King. Los Angeles sources state Negroes feel their rights have not been protected by Los Angeles Police and are threatening to fight if they are molested or threatened by police or Caucasians. Racial friction allegedly exists as a result of racial conditions in the South and the number of white people from the South who are in Los Angeles.

ACTION

A memorandum is being prepared for the Attorney General.



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DETAILS

The six freedom riders arrested at Jackson 6/10/61 and the six freedom riders arrested at Jackson 6/11/61 were convicted of breach of the peace in Jackson Municipal Court 6/12/61. Each was sentenced to serve four months in jail and fined \$200. No sentences were suspended.

Since 5/24/61, 110 freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi. Twenty-two have been released on bond, four have been released upon payment of fines and 84 remain in custody. Eight freedom riders in custody at the city jail are refusing to eat.

Sheriff J. Robert Gilfoy, Hinds County, Mississippi, advised that the County Board of Supervisors on 6/12/61 authorized the sheriff to transfer freedom riders from the Hinds County Jail and the Jackson City Jail to the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi. This may be done as the sheriff deems it necessary to relieve the crowded condition of the jails. Such transfers are to be made upon the approval of the Circuit Court of the First Judiciary District of Hinds County and Hinds County authorities will supervise the freedom riders while they are at the State Penitentiary.

Sheriff Gilfoy advised that he is going to Parchman 6/13/61 to perfect final arrangements for the transfer and he intends to move all of the freedom riders at daybreak on 6/14/61 or 6/15/61. The transfer will be made by Hinds County Prison vans and will probably take place on 6/14/61. This information was furnished in confidence as the sheriff wishes to avoid any publicity concerning the transfer of prisoners.

The freedom riders will initially be housed in the maximum security section at the State Penitentiary and will be separated from the regular prisoners. A first offender camp is being prepared and will probably be completed next week. The freedom riders will be moved to this camp when it is completed. Sheriff Gilfoy does not intend to assign the freedom riders to work details at the present time.

If future freedom riders are sentenced to jail at Jackson, Mississippi, Sheriff Gilfoy intends to wait until about 30 have collected in jail and he will then move them to the State Penitentiary in one prison van.

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U. S. District Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., Montgomery, Alabama, on 6/12/61 postponed until 7/17/61 the hearing for a permanent injunction against freedom riders in Alabama.

Judge Johnson advised that the original ten-day restraining order which he issued 6/2/61 would expire at midnight 6/12/61; however, Attorney [redacted] has filed a motion to continue the restraining order for another ten-day period. Judge Johnson reserved ruling on this motion for the time being but stated that he might give a ruling at anytime.

[redacted] CORE, Chicago, advised on 6/12/61 that a group of freedom riders plans to leave Chicago 6/13/61 for Nashville, Tennessee, where CORE will arrange for travel to Jackson, Mississippi, by bus. [redacted] stated that she will furnish the identities of these freedom riders on 6/13/61.

Lieutenant [redacted] has been informed by [redacted] that two groups of freedom riders would depart from Washington, D. C., 6/13/61.

The first group, consisting of 14 freedom riders, has been described as a union and professional group. It was scheduled to leave Washington, D. C., by Greyhound bus at 7:45 a. m., 6/13/61 arriving at Wilmington, North Carolina, on the evening of 6/13/61. The group has reservations in Wilmington at the Payne Hotel and is scheduled to leave Wilmington in two groups by Greyhound bus on 6/14/61. They will arrive at Charleston, South Carolina, at 12:00 p. m. and 5:00 p. m. on 6/14/61 and plan to spend the night in private homes. On 6/15/61 they will proceed to Jacksonville, Florida, arriving at 12:35 p. m. and 4:35 p. m., 6/15/61. They will again stay in private homes and on 6/16/61 part of the group will leave Jacksonville by Greyhound bus at 6:00 a. m. and the remainder of the group will leave by Greyhound bus at 7:30 a. m. The bus which departs from Jacksonville at 6:00 a. m. will arrive at St. Petersburg, Florida, at 12:45 p. m., 6/16/61. The bus which departs from Jacksonville at 7:30 a. m. takes a different route and arrives at St. Petersburg at 5:10 p. m., 6/16/61. Two of the freedom riders who have not been identified plan to leave the group at Tampa, Florida, and return to New York by air. The remaining 12 members of the group plan to return to New York by air from St. Petersburg. A list of these freedom riders is attached.

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Lieutenant [] was also informed by [] that a group of 18 ministers and rabbis would leave Washington, D. C., by Greyhound bus at 11:55 a. m., 6/13/61 and will spend the night of 6/13/61 at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina. On 6/14/61 they will proceed by Greyhound bus to Sumter, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; and Jacksonville, Florida; arriving in Jacksonville at 7:45 a. m., 6/15/61. They will leave Jacksonville on the same day and proceed to Tallahassee where they intend to test the airport facilities and then travel to New York via Eastern Air Lines leaving Tallahassee at 3:25 p. m., 6/15/61. A list of the members of this group is attached.

Both the union and professional group, and the group of rabbis and ministers are integrated and it is understood that of the 18 rabbis and ministers seven are Negro and eleven are white. The union and professional group is reportedly made up of nine whites and five Negroes. It is not known which individuals are Negroes or which individuals are white.

[] "Jacksonville, North Carolina, Daily News," advised on 6/12/61 that [] CORE, Washington, D. C., has been quoted as saying the freedom riders have retained attorneys and have requested protection from local authorities.

Bennett M. Hirsh advised the Jacksonville Office on 6/12/61 that Robert Myers, President of the Jewish Temple at Jacksonville, is in receipt of a letter dated 6/9/61 from Albert Vorspan, Director, Commission on Social Action of Reformed Judaism of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation in New York City. Vorspan stated in his letter that an integrated group of freedom riders consisting of rabbis and ministers will arrive at Jacksonville 6/15/61. They will have breakfast at the bus terminal and will test the facilities of the bus station.

[] Intelligence Division, Jacksonville PD advised on 6/12/61 that the Jacksonville PD is following this situation and plans to make no arrests unless there is trouble.

Sources in Los Angeles, whose reliability has not been determined, but who are in a position to furnish reliable information, have advised that CORE will sponsor a meeting to be held 6/18/61 in the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Approximately 30,000 are expected to attend including Governor Edmund G. Brown

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and California Attorney General Stanley Mosk. It is reported that the principal speaker will be Martin Luther King. *copy*

The Los Angeles sources have also advised that many Negroes feel their rights have not been properly protected by the Los Angeles Police and are threatening to fight if they are molested or threatened by the Los Angeles Police or by members of the Caucasian race. There is allegedly racial friction in the Los Angeles area arising from racial conditions in the Southern States and in view of the fact that there are many white people from the South in Los Angeles.

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UNION AND PROFESSIONAL FREEDOM RIDERS

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MINISTERS AND RABBIS FREEDOM RIDERS

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MISC.
 [Redacted] Duty Agent WFO, was instructed to ascertain if two groups of freedom riders scheduled to leave Washington, D. C. at 7:45 a.m. and 11:55 a.m. June 13, actually left Washington, also to find out how many were in the group and other pertinent information. He was instructed to call Bureau.

7:10 p.m. EDST

SA [Redacted] advised that two groups left Washington at the designated times.

7:15 p.m. EDST

ASAC Harold E. Campbell, Charlotte, was telephonically contacted re two groups of freedom riders leaving Washington, June 13. ASAC Campbell advised that the first group arrived in Raleigh, 2:15 p.m. EST, they made a point of using the white restrooms; however there were no incidents. This group is scheduled to arrive in Wilmington, North Carolina, between 5:45 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. EST.

There have been no incidents involving either group. The North Carolina Highway Patrol is well set up in force and while not escorting the buses, have the buses staked out along the route. Unless the riders create an incident which is a clear cut violation of law there will be no arrests. The local law enforcement agencies and the Attorney General's Office, State of North Carolina, intend to ignore these two groups.

ASAC Campbell stated that Charlotte Office enjoys excellent liaison with the local police authorities and is following this matter closely. He said that the Governor's Office is interested and is also closely following the situation.

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ASAC Campbell was instructed to ascertain complete facts concerning both groups and advise the Bureau immediately by teletype and if any incidents occur to telephonically advise the Bureau. ASAC Campbell said that he would notify the Bureau, Savannah and Jacksonville concerning the departure of these two groups from the place where they stay Tuesday night, June 13.

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